Designed by Graham, Anderson, Probst & White, Chicago Union Station is one of the last grand American railroad stations. When it opened in 1925 it was considered an outstanding achievement in railroad facility planning. The limestone-clad structure has an austere Neoclassical exterior with a massive colonnade on the east side. The interior features a Beaux Arts-style Great Hall, a marble-sheathed waiting room enclosed by colossal fluted Corinthian columns with gilded capitals.

GP has designed several renovations and restorations of this historic structure, including the replacement of the famous marble staircases leading from the Great Hall, renovation and expansion of Amtrak’s first-class lounge, the restoration of the former Women’s Lounge as the new Burlington Room special events space, and the restoration of the Great Hall Skylight, as well as the ornamental plaster and historic paint finishes within the Great Hall itself.

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**Project Data**

**SIZE**
600,000 sf total

**FEATURES**
- Renovation: Building systems / new HVAC
- Elevators
- Interior restoration
- Windows

**Historic Context:**
Graham, Anderson, Probst & White circa 1925

**CLIENTS**
- Amtrak
- Chicago Union Station Company

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**Recognition & News**

**RECOGNITION**
- 2020 Crombie Taylor Award for Preservation and Restoration, Chicago Union Station Great Hall Restoration – American Institute of Architects, Illinois Chapter
- 2020 Acanthus Award of Arete – Institute of Classical Architecture & Art Chicago-Midwest Chapter (ICAA Chicago-Midwest)
- 2019 Interior Architecture Award – American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter
- 2019 Overall Transformation of the Year, Chicago Union Station Great Hall Restoration – GlobeSt Real Estate Forum Magazine
- 2019 Silver Reconstruction Award, Chicago Union Station Great Hall Restoration – Building Design & Construction Magazine
- 2019 Best Project, Government/Public Building, Chicago Union Station Great Hall Restoration – ENR Midwest Magazine
- 2019 Best Renovation/Retrofit Project, Chicago Union Station Great Hall Restoration – Structural Engineers Association of Illinois
- 2019 Finalist, Merit Award for Renovation & Adaptive Reuse Over $10 Million, Chicago Union Station Great Hall Restoration – Chicago Building Congress
- 2017 Best Revival – Friends of Downtown
- 2017 Interior Architecture Award, The Burlington Room – American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter

**NEWS**
- GP’s Chicago Union Station Restoration Wins the Crombie Taylor Award
- Goettsch Partners Wins Two AIA Chicago Design

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GP Completes Restoration of Chicago’s Historic Union Station Great Hall
The Burlington Room at Chicago Union Station Wins AIA Chicago Interior Architecture Award
LondonHouse Chicago and Union Station Highlighted in Chicago Tribune Yearend Roundup