

# ELYSIAN HOTEL & PRIVATE RESIDENCES

CHICAGO ILLINOIS

Both functionally and architecturally, the Elysian Hotel and Private Residences is without precedent in Chicago. It is a mixed-use project, but a very special one: part hotel, and part condominium residences — with a full compliment of hotel services and amenities (on floors 7–9). Half of the 160 two-room hotel suites (floors 10–22) are condominium units owned by part time and seasonal residents, but operated as hotel rooms when their owners are away. Additional condominiums on the upper 27 floors offer residents a higher degree of luxury (though they are not available as hotel accommodations). The principal design challenge was to develop program areas and facilities that balanced the differing expectations and needs of hotel guests, part time residents and permanent residents.

From an architectural standpoint, the Elysian is a graceful 60-story tower, with highly textured, carefully composed elevations. The manner in which it meets the ground, however, is its signature feature. Located in one of the city's most active and interesting pedestrian districts, the building engages adjacent street spaces in a way that imparts personal scale, visual access, and unambiguous identity. The most significant ground level feature is the richly-detailed architecturally-defined motor court on the western half of the site. Inspired by the French model, the motor court is essentially an outdoor vestibule to the main building entrance, a public-private place of arrival for residents and visitors, offering a welcome degree of separation from the bustling streets around it.

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CLIENT Elysian Development Group L.L.C.

SIZE 638,000 square feet, 60 stories

VALUE \$135 million

ROLE Architect

COMPLETION December 2008

LUCIEN LAGRANGE  
ARCHITECTS