

THE BLACKSTONE HOTEL

CHICAGO ILLINOIS

Designed by Marshall & Fox and completed in 1910, this elegant example of Classical Revival Beaux-Arts architecture is a structure with a proud, colorful history. Twelve U.S. Presidents have stayed here, including Woodrow Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and John F. Kennedy. The original “smoke-filled rooms”, a term still used today to suggest political intrigue, were actually located in the Blackstone. In such a cloudy atmosphere behind locked hotel room doors, Warren G. Harding was persuaded to become the Republican nominee for President in 1920.

Currently under construction, scope on the landmarked 22-story hotel will involve a comprehensive interior renovation, including restoration to the landmarked Michigan Avenue lobby, Crystal Ballroom, barber shop, English Room, Smithfield Room, and Presidential Suite. When complete, the restored landmarked Art Hall will display art produced by students of local schools.

Extensive restoration of the building facade is also being done.

CLIENT Sage Hospitality Resources
SIZE 24 stories; 332 rooms
VALUE \$60,000,000
ROLE Architect
COMPLETION October 2007

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