

RANDOLPH/WABASH SELF-PARK

CHICAGO ILLINOIS

This 12-story structure defies the negative stereotype associated with urban parking facilities. Located in Chicago's North Loop, the structure features high-quality details and finishes that harmonize with neighboring buildings, including Marshall Field's flagship department store. On the parking levels, paneled spandrels and teal metal columns suggest traditional "Chicago windows," while a teal tiled roof covers the elevator tower.

Shopping themed murals from the early 1900s by Thomas Melvin help drivers identify their parking level. Painted metal storefronts add detail and pedestrian scale to retail tenant spaces at ground level. In 1991, the development was awarded "Best New Building" by Friends of Downtown, a nonprofit community group dedicated to preserving the character of downtown Chicago.

CLIENT Klaff-Jose L.P., General Parking Corporation,
CMS Investments of Philadelphia

SIZE 12 stories
1,100 parking spaces
50,000 square feet retail

VALUE \$15.6 million

ROLE Architect

COMPLETION November 1990