

# UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO HOTEL PROJECT

## WINS ANOTHER AWARD

# William A. Randolph Hyatt Place



ENR Magazine selected The Hyatt Place Hotel on Harper Court in Chicago, IL as "Best Midwest Residential/Hospitality Project for 2014".



This award follows Honorable Mentions for: 2014 Building Team Award and Lake County Contractor's APEX Award for Project Excellence.

The project is the first hotel constructed in the Hyde Park neighborhood in more than 50 years. The project dealt effectively with neighborhood logistical challenges and incorporated input from multiple stakeholders including two owners and two developers to create a Signature Center-piece for the University of Chicago's Harper Court mixed use Development.

The project consists of an 84,000 sf six-story hotel with 131 rooms and included: a bar/café, swimming pool and meeting room facilities. The facility was designed and constructed to the stringent requirements of the Hyatt flagship brand. It is expected to receive at least LEED Silver certification.

A major challenge that the hotel contractor, architect, and engineers faced was building the hotel above a parking garage that was constructed by the Master Developer's contractor. Collaborating with the Harper Court master developer and contractor, the hotel team developed a solution that incorporated a light weight porcelain tile and zinc shingle panel facade which allowed for a simpler structure in the underground parking that was not possible with the weight of conventional brick or limestone panels.

The team worked diligently with the City, University of Chicago and Local Community and provided much needed jobs and opportunities for the community through job fairs which resulted in significant hiring from the local community.

The project is a testament to the ability of the Team to work cooperatively on a complex project and develop solutions to meet multiple stake holders' requirements. This was all done while maintaining, quality, schedule and delivering the project under budget.

*Crain's Chicago Business called the Harper Court redevelopment "the most productive, transparent and thus-far successful neighborhood venture the University of Chicago has undertaken in six decades."*

### The Hyatt Place Hotel Team Included

**General Contractor:** William A Randolph

**Owner/ Developer:** The Olympia Companies, SMART Hotels

**Architect:** Legat Architects

