SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT
Chicago Athletic Association Hotel

Environmental Impact

• 100% of the exterior and structural elements of the existing Chicago Athletic Association were retained, which preserved environmental resources by utilizing the embodied energy of the structure and avoided unnecessary production, mining or acquisition of new materials.
• Original materials were saved and re-used, including plaster walls, millwork and flooring.
• The high-performance building features entirely new mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems that meet the City of Chicago Energy Code.
• The building envelope includes walls well insulated by spray foam insulation, and new energy-efficient windows throughout.
• Energy efficient LED light fixtures are connected to motion sensors.
• The project features a green roof.
• There is no parking component to the project since the site is located in the dense Central Business District. The urban, transit-oriented location is located within one block from an elevated rail station and multiple bus lines.

Cultural/Economic Impact

• A Chicago Landmark building listed on the National Register of Historic Places was restored, and with it the unique character it conveys to the neighborhood. The structure is now open to the public for the first time in its history. It is a destination for guests, as well as tourists and local architecture buffs, who seek it out to experience the architectural details that have been preserved, rebuilt and reincorporated throughout the building.
• The project converted a vacant building that had yielded minimal property taxes for nearly a decade, into a property that now pays a significantly higher property tax, as well as hotel and sale taxes.
• 1,000 temporary construction jobs and 373 full-time post-opening jobs were created because of the project.

Adaptive reuse of existing building
Original flooring material was reused as wall finishes