

CHICAGO LANDMARKS



2013 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

104 S. Michigan Ave., Monroe Building Historic Michigan Boulevard District Restoration

Recipient: J & J ARNACO, LLC

The Monroe Building is a 16-story office building clad in granite, terra cotta and brick. Designed in 1911 by Holabird and Roche, the building is located in the Historic Michigan Boulevard District. Its scale and visually-distinctive gable roof were designed to harmonize with the neighboring University Club of Chicago.

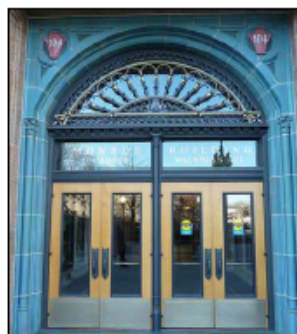
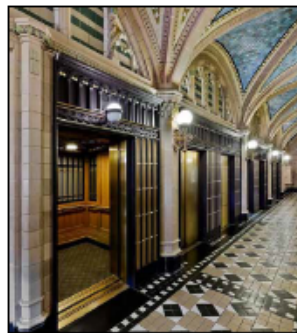
The scope of work included the repair of the building's façade, terra-cotta cornice, and green tile roof. Decorative cast-iron and terra-cotta entrances on Michigan Avenue and Monroe Street were replicated from original photographs.

Although the building's interior is not part of the significant historical and architectural features of the district, the owner restored the lobby area to its original grandeur using historic documentation – original construction documents, early photographs and much extant historic material retrieved from the site – and the work included the restoration and recreation of original design elements, including Rookwood tile floors, walls and vaults, decorative iron elevator grilles, doors and hardware, and lighting fixtures. The Historic Michigan Boulevard District was designated as a Chicago Landmark on February 27, 2003.

BEFORE



Photo by: Mark Ballog Photography



AFTER



City of Chicago
Rahm Emanuel, Mayor

Housing and Economic Development
Andrew J. Mooney, Commissioner