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David Whitney Building

1553 Woodward Avenue, Detroit

COMPLETED DECEMBER 2014

Project overview

This project transformed the historic David Whitney Building from a functionally obsolete, vacant structure into a vibrant mixed-use building. At 18 stories, the Whitney Building encompasses approximately 250,000 square feet. The building now contains 108 one- and two-bedroom rental apartments, 132 hotel rooms, and first-floor retail space. In addition, the project fully restored the building's historic interior atrium lobby and exterior façade to reflect its original appearance. The project included investments in restoration, alteration, renovation, and improvement of the historic building and the addition of new machinery, equipment, and fixtures.

The building is located in Detroit's designated historic Central Business District and included on the National Register of Historic Places. It is a critical component in downtown Detroit's revitalization, complementing recent developments and trends within the greater downtown area to create a densely populated and attractive residential neighborhood.

MEDC investment: \$8.5 million Michigan Community Revitalization Program (approved FY13); \$9.795 Michigan Business Tax Brownfield Credit (approved FY11)

National Park Service: \$16.4 million Federal Historic Tax Credits (approved FY11)

SHPO/MSHDA investment: \$4.1 million State Basic Historic Tax Credit (approved FY11); \$11.25 million State Special Consideration Historic Credit (approved FY11)

Private investment: \$82.5 million

Local investment: \$21 million Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Certificate

Jobs created: 44



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