



HILTON GARDEN INN/ DOWNTOWN

The Hilton Garden Inn on Bay Street shares ownership with the Doubletree (another LPB hotel) across the street, and therefore shares administrative staffing and certain housekeeping functions. One laundry serves both hotels. The development concept for the two hotels is similar – a small site, two stories of underground parking and six stories of elevated construction. The façade, though, are very different. The Hilton Garden Inn is traditional, with cast stone at the first floor, brick veneer at the intermediate levels and stucco at the top floor. Symmetrical façade, arched openings, divided light windows and decorative railings accent and define the character of the building. Local architect Gunn Myerhoff Shay collaborated on the design.

The building has two entries that converge on a common hotel lobby – one from the street frontage for pedestrian use, and the other from the vehicle court, where valet attendants handle arrivals and move vehicles to the parking levels below. Unlike the HGI prototype, the public functions are under the hotel tower, not in a single story pavilion. Inside the lobby, we find the familiar HGI four-column element, but it is positioned diagonally to better align with the two entry points, which creates a playful twist with the space. The dining area and lounge flank the pavilion like the prototype, but are detailed in a more traditional manner. The dining and lounge areas have large traditional arched windows, which both brings daylight to the interior and activates the exterior. The buffet and kitchen work from the back of the dining, and further connect to the rear service entry to the hotel for deliveries and trash. Access to meeting rooms, toilets, business office and elevator is off the main lobby. The pool and garden plaza are on the second floor over the drive ramp to the lower level parking. Upper levels have a combination of king, double-queen and shotgun suites guest rooms.

The structure is post-tensioned concrete frame on a 27" concrete mat foundation. This frame system allowed for the most accommodating column spacing to work for the hotel grid, the first floor public spaces and the parking below. Rooms are conditioned with PTAC's, public areas with split system fan coil units and the corridors are handled with 100% outside air units. These units also pressurize the building and combat the intrusion of humid outside air and the mildew that it leads to. The project was negotiated and awarded under a lump sum contract.



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Units	134
Gross Square Foot	101,899
Construction Cost	\$9,800,000
Cost/Square Foot	\$96.17
Cost/Unit	\$73,134
Gross Square Foot/Unit	760
Acreage	.38
Construction Start	May 2004
Construction Time	13 Months
Contractor	Pinkerton & Laws
Owner	North Point Hospitality Group, Inc.

