



EMBASSY SUITES

The larger 2.6 acre site was purchased years before this development began, and inventoried while the developer brought a Hampton Inn & Suites on the site next door to the market in 2005. Hampton surface parking initially occupied part of this site. Now the 175-room, five-story Embassy Suites on 1.59 acres has displaced the Hampton parking, and a multi-level above-grade garage at the rear of the site serves both the Hampton and the Embassy. The hotel is within easy walking distance to the quaint historic residential areas of the city, and the bustling night life of Market Square, Bay Street and Riverwalk.

The hotel is one of the first new-generation Embassy's – foregoing the massive enclosed atrium in favor of a three-story lobby space, in which we see the dining, bar and lounge areas. Since the parking deck is to the rear, a vehicle court is positioned on the back side of the hotel, with convenient access to the lobby. Also located in the rear, is a private garden pool with adjacent fitness area. A 4,800 square ballroom serves the hotel, and shares a kitchen with the dining areas. A 5,600 square foot leased, up-scale restaurant is positioned on the front corner of the hotel, which provides an extra convenience to guests. Rooms include a mix of 30 different guest suite shapes, composed of kings, double-queens, 2-room executive suites and a four-bay presidential suite.

The exterior design fell under the watchful eye of the Historic Review Board of the city. Greenline Architecture collaborated on the historic approval process. The hotel need not be taller than five-stories, to set hard to the street frontages, and to meet the city's historic guidelines led to an unusual H-shaped building. The shape effectively broke the mass of the building into smaller elements, fitting more comfortably into its surrounding. The façade is carefully detailed in the traditional Georgian style, so-named for the English king who colonized Georgia in the early 1700's. Materials include cast stone, brick and stucco, with elements of standing seam metal and canvas awnings. The result is a classic presentation of detail and scale most appropriate for this beautiful southern city.

Structure is pre-cast concrete plank on load-bearing block, on shallow spread footings. Special staggered steel truss girders were used to clear-span the ballroom. HVAC for the building is a two-pipe system, employing roof mounted, air-cooled chillers and electric resistance heat. Powered induction units and energy recovery ventilators are used to supplement conditioning of the public areas.

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SAVANNAH, GA

Units	175
Gross Square Foot	173,391
Construction Cost	\$22,700,000
Cost/Square Foot	\$130.00
Cost/Unit	\$128,800
Gross Square Foot/Unit	991
Acreage	1.59
Construction Start	September 2009
Construction Time	16 Months
Contractor	TBD
Owner	Bennett-Hofford Co.