



ALOFT

In addition to being one of first of Starwood's aloft hotels built, the hotel was a custom application of the prototype. Developed as part of a response to a city solicitation for a mixed-use re-development in downtown Tallahassee, the building had to fit a complex set of criteria, and pay homage to the respected predecessor on the site – The Floridan Hotel. The façade blends the signature aloft elements – the swoof, the colors light bands and the window organization – with the brick veneer detailing and pointed arches expressed in the long-gone Floridan. The development also includes a 10-story office tower and a public parking deck, which will also be used by the hotel and office. City leaders have applauded the development for it's contribution to the city's growth plan.

Fronting hard to Monroe Avenue – a busy access portal to the city – the developers chose to orient the hotel entry to a secondary side street, to allow for safer control of arriving vehicles. The lobby is organized like the aloft prototype, with the open, high-ceiling spaces for the Aloha, Remix and W XYZ, with the Backyard and Splash beyond outside.

Turning the corner back to Monroe, we see activated interior spaces. They include a spa, fitness, meeting space and speculative retail, which are positioned toward the sidewalk. Back-of-house functions are clustered toward the rear of the building. A vehicle 'round about' is used in the back of the hotel to transition traffic – both people and cars – between the hotel, the office and the parking deck.



Rooms are the standard mixture of the aloft prototype kings and double queens, with special corner rooms expressing the curtain wall glass corner on the exterior. The structure is post-tensioned concrete supported on auger cast concrete piles. The façade is detailed with cast stone, brick veneer and stucco. Rooms are conditioned with PTACs and public areas with split system fan coil units. The project was negotiated to a lump sum contract.

architecture

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engineering

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interiors

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

Units
162

Gross Square Foot
82,932

Construction Cost
\$15,570,000

Cost/Square Foot
\$187.74

Cost/Unit
\$96,111

Gross Square Foot/Unit
512

Acreage
0.82

Construction Start
September 2008

Construction Time
16 Months

Contractor
Kellogg & Kimsey, Inc.

Owner
McKibbin Hotel Group

