



## HOMWOOD SUITES

The developer has created a significant presence in the Savannah lodging market with this hotel, his sixth property built in the town. Through a creative land deal with the First African Baptist Church next door, a parking lot was acquired and combined with two 1880 vintage historically-protected buildings. Through active collaboration and creative planning, a scheme was devised to have two levels of underground parking and six above-grade levels. The facades of the historic buildings were preserved as part of the new building design. The new hotel displays a good relationship to the older buildings, as well as to Market Square at the east end of the hotel. The hotel is situated directly next to two other Hilton-brand hotels, developed by the same Owner.

The façade is a mixture of brick veneer next to the two historic buildings, and red terra cotta wall panels on the high-visibility wall areas and stucco on the back and upper levels of the building. A mixture of PTACs and VPAC's are used, and blended into the design in a discreet way. Window and storefront patterns and proportions are also mixed, to present a variety of looks.

The hotel has two entries – one for pedestrian sidewalk arrival on the street and one on the service lane at the back of the building, for vehicle arrival. Both access paths lead to the same lobby, where the traditional Homewood Suites components are found: the registration desk, elevators, lobby seating and fireplace. Beyond the fireplace is the dining / buffet, and on the opposite side of the entry is a billiards and game room. Special effort was given to activate the street facades with as much internal building life as possible. In response to city priorities, 1,500 SF of leased, retail space was positioned on the principal frontage. Since no extra ground area was available, the transformer and dumpster are both internal to the building. Fitness and meeting space are on the fifth floor. The pool with toilets, are on the roof of the building. Suites are a mixture of kings, double-queens, and a number of special suites related to the unique spaces over the older buildings.

The hotel is a post-tensioned structural frame over a 28" thick concrete mat foundation. Public areas are conditioned with split system fan coil units. The project was awarded under a lump sum contract.

architecture

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engineering

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interiors

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## SAVANNAH, GA

Units  
120

Gross Square Foot  
84,197

Construction Cost  
\$12,630,000

Cost/Square Foot  
\$150.01

Cost/Unit  
\$105,250

Gross Square Foot/Unit  
702

Acreage  
0.34

Construction Start  
2010

Construction Time  
14 Months

Contractor  
TBD

Owner  
North Point Hospitality Group