



SPRINGHILL SUITES

This hotel is located in the historic district of Savannah, fronting on the oak-lined boulevard named for the founder of the city, General James Oglethorpe. The site - .54 acres – is located on one of the regimented city plan blocks of Savannah, laid out by Oglethorpe himself, measuring 90' by 240'. The site size constraint led to two levels of underground parking, so the public areas of the first floor could respect the priority of pedestrian life in the area. The city's urban revitalization office encouraged the use of street retail with this hotel, and supported a height variance to make the project economies work. The design was praised by the Historic Review Board for its broken-up façade, looking more like multiple buildings than one hotel. Greenline Architecture consulted on the exterior detailing.

The Marriott affiliated property is one of the first Gen 4 SpringHill Suites prototypes to be built. It incorporates a new public area concept and a highly efficient guest room layout. The hotel has a modern feel, in the context on an old surrounding. The public areas have a surprisingly light and airy character, not expected in a hotel in this location. The first floor includes a vehicle arrival court at the rear alley, which continues to the underground parking. Guests arrive at a reception kiosk from either the rear entry or the front door. In the same area they find the lounge and dining area, with elevators, meeting and Market nearby. The dumpster and transformer are contained in the building, since the building fronts on all four streets. The second floor has an outside pool / spa and sun deck over the vehicle arrival area.

Guest rooms are a combination of Kings and Double Queens – all facing onto the busy streets surround the building. Modular furniture is used to separate the working and sleeping areas of the room, and sliding bar doors and armoire closets compliment the scheme. The toilet and bath areas are in separate compartments for convenient use.



Structure is post-tensioned concrete, with brick, cast stone and stucco exteriors. The glass curtain wall in the center of the façade segues between two distinct architectural masses of the building. Thru-wall air conditioners are concealed with decorative grills and the HVAC systems of the public areas are split-system fan coil units. Corridors are pressurized with 100% conditioned outside air, to combat the high humidity and mildew common to this coast area. The project was negotiated and built under a lump-sum contract.

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SAVANNAH, GA

Units	162
Gross Square Foot	99,415
Construction Cost	\$19,375,000
Cost/Square Foot	\$194.89
Cost/Unit	\$119,599
Gross Square Foot/Unit	614
Acreage	0.52
Construction Start	February 2008
Construction Time	16 Months
Contractor	Pinkerton & Laws
Owner	North Point Hospitality Group, Inc.

