

Press Release

## **Concord Hospitality and Oxford Development Presented “Historic Preservation Award” By the City of Pittsburgh for the Development of The Courtyard by Marriott, Downtown Pittsburgh.**

- On May 7th Concord Hospitality and Oxford Development were awarded the “Historic Preservation Award” presented by the City of Pittsburgh and the Historic Review Commission of Pittsburgh for their co-development of The Courtyard by Marriott, Downtown Pittsburgh, located at 945 Penn Avenue.

This 182-room property was fashioned from four existing buildings built early this century. The design required significant interior structural engineering to



The Courtyard by Marriott

create an open view for six guests floors of an open atrium on the third floor. This nine-story building previously had no open space, but now has views of a unique urban garden space.

945 Penn Ave  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Guests' rooms in the property all have 12 and 14 foot-vaulted ceilings. Tim Osiecki, Executive Vice President of Development with Concord commented, “*This was definitely a challenging project to keep the historical character of a great building in tact, and meet the needs of a modern lodging facility.*” The twenty-five million dollar project was completed earlier this year.

Jackie Arena, of Potomac Falls, Va., who commissioned all local artists for artwork that reflected the Pittsburgh landscape and community, completed the unique interior design. Ms. Arena worked with a soaring lobby ceiling of over 40 feet to create a space that is both impressive and warm at the same time.

In order to maintain and enhance the exterior within historic guidelines more that \$3.5 million was spent on the portion of the project specifically. The Historic Preservation Office is a department of Pittsburgh's City Planning, with the express charter to, "pursue community development by facilitating the community planning process...and protect and maintain historically and architecturally significant buildings and neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh."

Michael Roberts, General Manager of the property, when reached about this award said, "It truly is an amazing facility, the response from our guests has been overwhelmingly positive. With our location right next to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, we are very honored to receive this award as part of the downtown cultural district."

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