

CHICAGO LANDMARKS



2017 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

333 North Michigan Avenue Rehabilitation

Recipient: Wirtz Realty Corporation

The 333 North Michigan Building is one of the city's most outstanding Art Deco-style skyscrapers, and one of the first to take advantage of the city's 1923 zoning ordinance, which encouraged the construction of buildings with setback towers. The building was designed by renowned architect Holabird & Root and completed in 1928. Having maintained ownership of the office building since 1933, 333 Building Corporation oversaw a rehabilitation scope that included masonry repairs and cleaning, re-creation of the original main entry, storefront replacement, and recladding of the existing rooftop addition. Interior work included restoration of the historic main lobby, elevator modernization, and upgrades to mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems throughout. This iconic Art-Deco high-rise, which frames the gateway into the Loop, has now been brought back to its original beauty. The building owner received a Class L Property Tax Incentive and a 20% Federal Historic Tax Credit. The 333 North Michigan Building was designated a Chicago Landmark on February 7, 1997.



before



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