

CHICAGO LANDMARKS



2017 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Polish National Alliance Building 1514 – 1520 W Division St Adaptive Reuse

Recipient: Studio Gang Architects

The Polish National Alliance Building exemplifies the historic importance of ethnic fraternal organizations, social clubs, and mutual aid societies to the social, cultural, and political development of Chicago's immigrant communities in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Renowned Chicago-based architecture firm Studio Gang purchased the building several years ago and requested landmark designation to convert the building into office space. The exterior scope of work included the removal of non-historic signage, masonry repair and cleaning, spandrel repair, and replacement of the non-historic windows on the street facades with new aluminum windows to match the historic configuration based on historic documentation and photographs. The project also included a new 1-story rooftop addition and deck for event space, a vegetative "green" roof, and all new interior systems. The building owner received a Class L Property Tax Incentive. The Polish National Alliance Building was designated a Chicago Landmark on August 7, 2014.



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