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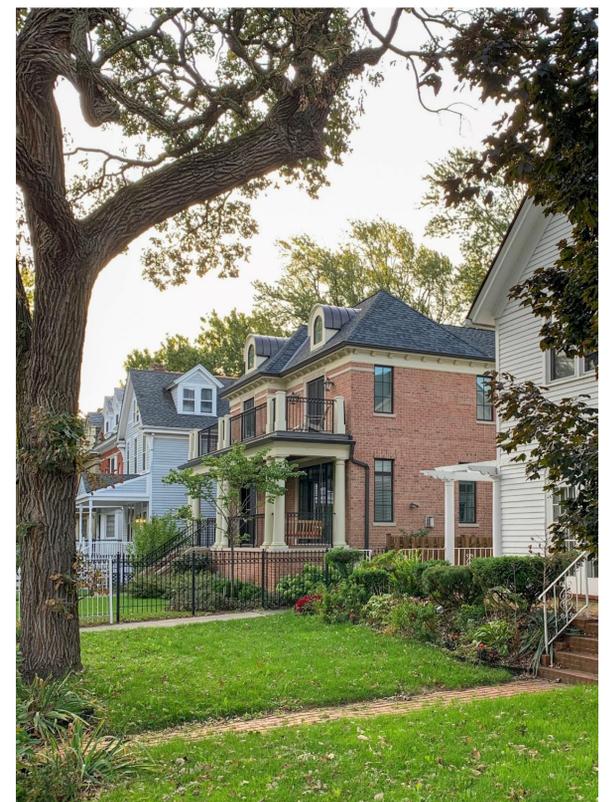


2019 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

1305 East 50th Street Kenwood District New Construction

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The Kenwood District, on Chicago's South Side, has been known as a home to many of Chicago's most important residents over the last 150 years. Single family homes found there are typically set on spacious lots and feature a wide variety of architectural styles, including some designed by some of Chicago's most famous architects such as Frank Lloyd Wright and George Maher. This new construction project utilized a long-vacant, empty lot to build a three-story, single-family residence. The home is clad with appropriate materials including brick and limestone consistent with the historic character of the area. A wide porch spans the front of the building, supported by simple free-standing columns, a visually distinct element of the district. The roof is elegantly supported with a simple cornice and semi-circular arched windows project out at the front façade. The home effortlessly blends with its elegant neighbors and is a welcome addition to the neighborhood. The Kenwood District was designated a Chicago Landmark on June 29, 1979.



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