

CHICAGO LANDMARKS



2010 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Reid Murdoch and Co. Building 320 North Clark Exterior and Interior Rehabilitation

Recipient: Friedman Properties Ltd.

The Reid Murdoch and Co. Building was built in 1914 as a warehouse and office building for a wholesale grocery store company. The building combines stylistic elements of both the Chicago and Prairie schools of architecture and is one of the city's finest industrial buildings. With its iconic central clock tower and formal elevation along the river, it was one of the first buildings to implement the 1909 *Plan of Chicago* along the Chicago River. The exterior work included reconstructing portions of the first-floor exterior along LaSalle Street and the riverfront with new cast-stone panels, custom brick, and new storefronts based on historic photographs. Other work included restoring the wood windows; cleaning and tuckpointing the masonry; and rebuilding the masonry parapets. The clock tower was restored to its original appearance by recreating the missing balconies as well as returning the clock to working order with a new internally-lit clock face. The dock level was reconstructed with a new seawall, and the elevated walkway was restored and historic light fixtures installed. Interior work included extensive new building systems and tenant improvements. The \$43.7 million rehabilitation project utilized the Cook County Class L Property Tax Incentive and the 20% Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit programs for historic preservation. The Reid Murdoch and Co. Building was designated as a Chicago Landmark on November 15, 1976.



HISTORIC C. 1913

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