

OKC Ford Motor Company Assembly Plant

900 WEST MAIN STREET, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA





The Oklahoma City Ford Motor Company Assembly Plant is listed in the National Register of Historic Places (2014). The east end of the building, constructed in 1916, is four stories tall, while the west end, added in 1924, is two stories. It has h one-story train shed attached to the south elevation. The primary elevations have restrained ornament in the form of turquoise and purple terra cotta tiles, carved limestone belt courses, historic metal sconces, historic metal and wood storefronts, and large multilight metal industrial windows. Limited areas of the interior retained historic terrazzo flooring, plaster partitions, and historic wood window and door frames. The rest of the building is manufacturing and warehouse space with utilitarian finishes; floors and ceilings are concrete; walls are painted brick. A regular grid of robust concrete columns displays architect Albert Kahn's signature octagonal shape with splayed capitals.

The existing plan of each floor was generally wide open, although there were some historic and non-historic partitions, mostly concentrated at the east end of the building. The rehabilitation of the building sought to convert the building for reuse as a hotel and art museum. The first floor has the common areas typical of a hotel which include dining, ballroom, and meeting space, along with gallery and retail spaces. Hotel rooms occupy the upper floors. The rehabilitation respected the grid of octagonal concrete capitals and utilized minimal, functional finishes befitting the historic building. The original steel windows were restored; new partition walls were constructed to create the hotel rooms, museum, and restaurant spaces; and new mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems were installed throughout, all while maintaining the building's industrial feel.

Project Profile

Year Built: 1916

Start of Rehab: 10/13/2014

Rehab Completion: 5/4/2016

Date of Certification: 8/5/2016

Original Use: Auto Assembly Plant

New Use: Hotel/Office

Est. Total Project Cost: \$55,617,104

Est. Qualified Rehab Costs: \$45,890,109

Est. Combined Federal/State Tax

Credit (40%): \$18,356,044

Historic Preservation Consultant:

Rosin Preservation, LLC

Architectural Consultant:

ADG, LLC

Property Owner/Developer:

Kirkland Hall; Hall Capital, LLC



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