



Mc Gowan Builders to be honored for Hospitality Project of 2012 - The Dream Hotel

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According to Mc Gowan Builders Inc., the company and the members of the Dream Downtown Hotel project team will be honored for the Hospitality Project of the Year at the 2012 Greater New York Construction User Council Chairman's Reception. The event will take place on Tuesday, June 12 at 6 p.m. at Related Companies' MiMA, located at 450 West 42nd St.

The Dream Downtown Hotel

Mc Gowan Builders served as the construction manager for this complex project. The Dream Downtown Hotel is located at 355 West 16th St. in the Chelsea neighborhood and was designed by Handel Architects LLP. The hotel is owned by Hampshire Hotel & Resorts LLC.

Extraordinary in design and unique in character, Dream Downtown signals an exciting and imaginative new concept in full-service luxury travel. The construction included the extensive redevelopment of an 11-story institutional structure into a high-end, high-amenity, 316-room hotel. The project scope included the removal of the entire curtain wall, demolition of a building section, creation of a courtyard, separation of the structure into two buildings (South and North Towers), demolition of all interiors, expansion of the North Tower by one floor and expansion of the South Tower by four floors.

The Mc Gowan team installed a new curtain wall with custom, round windows and constructed a suspended pool above the restaurant space with a transparent acrylic bottom. In addition to the complete interior build-out with luxury finishes, the construction required all new MEP and building systems.

Dream Downtown's modernist facade houses loft-inspired guestrooms and suites, a landscaped outdoor terrace with heated pool, a beach club and an expansive destination rooftop lounge offering dramatic views of the resplendent New York City skyline. There are 316 expansive loft-inspired guestrooms, including 16 suites - seven of which are pool terrace suites with direct access to the second-floor pool and beach club cabanas - and two duplex suites with outdoor hot tubs.

About the Chairman's Reception

Each year the GNYCUC Chairman's Reception welcomes over 250 New York City construction industry developers, owners and managers to participate in an awards ceremony honoring the top projects of 2012. The ceremony will also honor Richard Wood, President of Plaza Construction Corporation, as the outstanding industry leader of the year. Additional award recipients include:

- * Green Project: Liberty Luxe / Liberty Green
- * Education Project: John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- * Infrastructure Project: Court Square Subway Station
- * Healthcare Project: LIJ Medical Center
- * Cultural Project: Park Avenue Armory

- * Residential Project: MiMA
- * Commercial/Office Building: Two Gotham Center
- * Public Space: Pier 15

ABOUT MC GOWAN BUILDERS, INC.

Mc Gowan Builders, Inc. is a premier, full-service general contracting and construction management firm based in East Rutherford, New Jersey, with regional offices in New York, Florida and Illinois. For a decade, Mc Gowan Builders has provided construction services to commercial and institutional clients, delivering projects for some of the most prominent firms and organizations in the nation, including Continental Airlines, Sheraton Hotels, JPMorgan Chase, and Macy's. The firm provides assistance throughout all phases of complex construction projects, from the initial consultation to the final closeout. Mc Gowan Builders has earned a reputation for excellence through attention to detail, professionalism and over 30 years of construction experience. The firm's website can be found at www.mcgowanbuilders.com.

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