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2012 INTERIOR AWARDS

AIA Chicago established the Interior Architecture Award in 1984 to promote interior architecture as a unique profession by recognizing outstanding interior design projects. When considering projects for this award, we define interior architecture as the space within a building envelope, including lighting design, furnishings and finishes. Projects are eligible if they were completed between May 1, 2007 and May 1, 2012. Projects must be designed by Chicago-area architects or be located in the Chicago area. The winners and all submissions can be viewed at aiachicago.org.

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ARCHITECT: Goettsch Partners

CLIENT: Baker & McKenzie

CONTRACTOR:

Clune Construction Co.

CONSULTANTS: Building Engineering Systems, Shiner & Associates, One Lux Studio, Robert Pacifico Associates, Engineering Plus, Rolf Jensen & Associates, Re:Vision Architecture, The Carter Group, Fountain Technologies, Jones Lang LaSalle



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HONOR AWARD
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Jurors called this project a “well-studied homage to modernism” whose “level of originality is refreshing.” When relocating, an international professional services firm seized the opportunity to create space that embodied and enabled its new integrated-service model. The designers took that as their cue to use materials that reference the classical elements of an integrated world: water, air, earth and fire. A water mirror, airy views, gardens that represent the earth and a fireplace work together to create a harmonious attitude. Enhancing that is the ample use of glass, including clear office façades, tinted workroom walls that are writable surfaces, and, for conference rooms, double-glass frosted walls that also provide acoustical protection. The result is a place with, in the jurors’ words, “airiness, loftiness, an expansiveness and lifting-up.”