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ECO-FRIENDLY HOTEL FELIX CHICAGO OPENS DURING EARTH MONTH WITH DESIGN INTENDED TO MEET LEED SILVER CERTIFICATION

*Hotel Felix Chicago now offers eco-friendly design and efficiencies as
Chicago's first hotel to open after being built to meet LEED Silver certification*

CHICAGO, Ill. – APRIL 1, 2009 – Chicago is recognized as one of the nation's leading "green" cities so it is fitting that owners of the Hotel Felix, the city's first hotel designed to achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ([LEED](#)) Silver rating from the U.S. Green Building Council, announce the property's opening during Earth Month. Originally designed in 1926 by Chicago architecture firm Levy and Klein, the former Hotel Wacker, a single room occupancy property, closed for redevelopment in 2007. [Hotel Felix](#) now provides an innovative, eco-friendly boutique hotel with efficiencies and key design elements that lessen the environmental impact of a newly built property.

The 225-room [boutique hotel](#) located at the crossroads of the Gold Coast and River North neighborhoods was redeveloped by the Oxford OBG Investment Partners, LLC, a value-added acquisition and redevelopment initiative focused on the lodging sector. The \$50 million-plus project's investment group is led by Oxford Capital Group, LLC and other principals include Park Ridge based Bricton Group, Inc. and Chicago based Gettys.

The Hotel Felix presents an upscale and intimate option for those seeking comfortable elegance inspired by natural elements. The new hotel helped create 50 new jobs, while the construction crew enlisted approximately 125 individuals. The adjacent, independently managed restaurant opening soon is expected to add another 20 jobs for area workers.

"We've consciously developed a hotel that will offer our guests a more healthy, environmentally-conscious atmosphere with all of the technology and high style expected by today's discerning travelers," said John Rutledge, managing partner for the Oxford OBG Hospitality Investment Partners and founder and CEO for the Oxford Capital Group, LLC. "This property is destined to stand out in the crowd," he added.

Hotel Felix: The first [downtown Chicago hotel](#) designed to meet LEED silver certification

The juxtaposition of the 1926 historic exterior, a contemporary two-story lobby featuring a uniquely designed water feature, and the bustling urban mecca surrounding the property all come together to offer a refreshing sense of arrival. The 12-story [eco-friendly](#) boutique hotel also features a lobby bar overlooking a quiet neighborhood, an Asha Aveda wellness spa, and comfortable guest rooms with sophisticated details and top-of-the-line technology, three small conference rooms and Elate, an adjacent restaurant that will soon open.

The [Chicago hotel](#) boasts LEED-related features in the property including in-room motion sensors to control heat and lighting, installation of recycled products in everything from artwork to fabrics and surfaces, flooring and wall coverings. Organic materials, renewable resources, and energy efficient plumbing, heating and air conditioning add to the benefits. Recycled materials, low-emitting paints, carpets, and a green cleaning program are used throughout.

Hotel guests arriving in a [hybrid auto](#) will receive complimentary valet parking, and that's just the beginning of the eco-friendliness of this property. The 100% non-smoking building will also feature a hotel-wide recycling program, and much more.

Ancillary benefits that helped this property meet LEED certifications include the close proximity to public transportation so employees and guests can choose alternative methods of arrival and departure. Further enhancements in the hotel's back of house allow employees to shower after riding a bike to work and parking that bike at the bike racks located adjacent to the property.

At Hotel Felix, a number of amenities are customized to guest needs such as a red carpet concierge, room service, a state-of-the-art fitness center, a fully-equipped professional business center, complimentary wireless internet throughout and hard-wired high-speed connectivity in-room, valet parking, flat screen TV's, in-room safes, comfortable bath robes and spacious walk-in showers with water saving showerheads, and luxurious bed linens woven from the finest cotton.

History

In December 2007, Oxford OBG Hospitality Investment Partners, a development initiative led by Oxford Capital Group, purchased the property for redevelopment. In addition to Oxford Capital, the Hotel Wacker investor group is composed of The Bricton Group management company, and Gettys, a hospitality design, architectural and procurement firm. Joining John W. Rutledge, founder and CEO, Oxford Capital Group, LLC as senior principals are Edward J. Doherty, Bricton Group founder and CEO, and Roger G. Hill, Gettys' co-founder and CEO.

Now Open

Introductory rates for Hotel Felix Chicago begin at \$129, and reservations are now being accepted. The hotel is located at 111 West Huron Street at Clark, Chicago, IL 60654. For reservations, call toll-free 877-848-4040 or direct 312-447-3440. For more information, visit www.hotelfelixchicago.com.

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