

PROJECT DATA

**DEARBORN INN**

DEARBORN, MI

**Client**

Ford Land  
Corporate Crossings  
550 Town Center  
Suite 200  
Dearborn, MI  
Wayne Doran-Retired  
313.323.3100

**Architect**

Nordstrom-Samson  
39500 High Point Blvd.  
Novi, MI 48375  
248.735.5300

**Size**

230-guest rooms

**Cost**

\$25,000,000



The Dearborn Inn was designed and built in 1931 under the supervision of Henry Ford and the world renowned Albert Kahn. This building, which was the world's first airport hotel, is now a historic landmark. This Georgian-style structure features a crystal-chandeliered ballroom and high ceilings. Its rooms are decorated with reproductions of furniture and fabrics of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Located on a 23-acre site, the Dearborn Inn campus includes a 230-room hotel, two detached buildings and five guest cottages. JM Olson provided services for this seven-phase renovation and restoration of the campus including: a 66-guest room addition, new banquet facility, site development, restoration of two detached facilities, restoration of guest cottages and completion of an asbestos abatement program.

One of the greatest project challenges was matching moldings, light fixtures, wallpaper and carpeting, and when needed, finding artisans capable of recreating materials when it was impossible to find a match. Other challenges included: restoring the facility in accordance with the National Trust for Historic Preservation guidelines to maintain the hotels place on the National Register of Historic Places and expanding the facility to give it the capacity and amenities essential to compete with modern hotels of a major city.

The three-story, 66-guest room addition to the Inn increased its guest capacity to 230-units and included new barrier-free rooms, suites and exercise rooms. The dining area was expanded to encompass a 40,000 sf banquet facility that included an 8,500 sf ballroom, breakfast room and kitchen support areas.

