



THE RESIDENCES AT THE WESTERN UNION BUILDING

1100 Locust Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2004 - 2011

Client: Western Union Locust Partners
Gross Floor Area: 210,000 sf
No. of Units: 100 Condominium Units
Zoning Attorney: Klehr, Harrison,
Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers
Structural: O'Donnell & Naccarato
Lighting: BEAM, Ltd.
Acoustical: Metropolitan Acoustics
General Contractor: Campenella Construction
Photography: Halkin Photography

The challenge of the project was to respect the existing building, create an addition that did not fall into the trap of historic replication, and to create an appropriately-scaled neighborhood landmark. The solution for this 100 unit project includes an elegant 8-story glass box that floats above the original Western Union home. The two share the same façade plane, separated by the deep shadow line of condominium terraces at the level just above the existing cornice. A new 12-story vertical tower, anchoring the corner of the site, complements these stacked elements. Primarily clad in copper-colored metal panels and black brick, this tower dematerializes into a weightless glass corner as it approaches the sky.

The Residences at the Western Union Building was a 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania 2010 Commonwealth Award winner.