

**Mount Stephen Club and Hotel Complex, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Redevelopment Project integrating a new modern hotel with the historic
site of the Mount Stephen Mansion.**

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Situation/purpose of study

The revitalization of the Mount Stephen Club, a classified Historical Monument of Quebec, designated as a Natural Historic Site by the Government of Canada. To revitalize and reposition Mount Stephen Club in the Montreal cultural landscape, the owner is building a prestigious 80 room boutique hotel. New attributes such as a modern kitchen, an underground parking lot and diverse amenities: spa, gym, banquet room, will continue to greet members of the Montreal business community and host international guests. The purpose is to present a redevelopment project that does not threaten the architectural integrity and heritage value, but rather highlight its spirit and ensure its survival for future generations. The preservation and expansion of Mount Stephen will generate new urban, architectural and artistic expression for the city, the Golden Square Mile district and the touristic industry without compromising the exterior composition of the outstanding historic mansion.

Approach and methodology

The design approach seeks to highlight the mansion by creating a simple but contrasting background. The geographic concept of the new hotel façade was inspired by textures and patterns that characterize Mount Stephen's tapestries, lacework and carpets. Their formal simplicity and abstract pattern do not compete with the neoclassical style of the building.

The interior of the hotel provides an efficient and repetitive floor layout with single rooms facing northeast. The innovative mix of room typologies appeals to an upscale, diverse clientele by offering nine (9) unique design personalities targeted to certain needs and demographics through various layouts, themes, levels of intimacy, visual impact and sizes.

The particular technical challenges include issues of accessibility, circulation and egress. The main entrance remains as the front door with vehicular access retrofitted with a ramp access to underground parking. To comply with life safety codes requirements the fire exits are directed towards Drummond Street, thus avoiding exiting through neighboring sites and damaging the integrity of the main façade.

Guests with reduced mobility have access to all levels and all rooms through bridge connections. Guest rooms are designed with large shower rooms with baths inside.

Floor materials were selected for their sustainable principles and seamless transition.

Results/conclusions.

The Mount Stephen Club and Hotel Complex was designed to become an international destination, a model hotel, with sustainable principles, optimized ecological footprint and a leading example in providing a vacation destination or business accommodation for a diverse clientele including people with a restricted physical disability.







