



OKW Architects

Reimagining
Revitalizing
Reassessing
Reinventing
Repurposing
Repositioning
Rethinking
what's possible.



re

imagine
invent
position

We are industry leaders.

With over 60 years of experience and broad expertise across markets, we bring a reputation for best-in-class knowledge, talent, and service. We share those skills among our teams to inspire curiosity and collaboration.

For more than 60 years, OKW Architects has been thinking and doing things differently.

Every creative firm touts a “collaborative process,” but what does that *actually* mean? To us, it means truly listening to understand our clients – who they are, what their people are like, how they function, and their immediate and long-term goals.

The conversation shouldn’t stop after one or two meetings. At OKW, a meaningful relationship and ongoing dialogue is critical to navigate each project and help our clients discover their true and evolving needs. Our collaborative approach allows us to reframe the challenges and deliver solutions that successfully address every objective.

In short, we’re all about:

REIMAGINING the potential of space and what it can be

REVITALIZING neighborhoods, communities, and company cultures

REASSESSING function, workflow, and purpose

REINVENTING how we engage with everyday spaces

REPURPOSING resources and environments

REPOSITIONING underused and undervalued assets

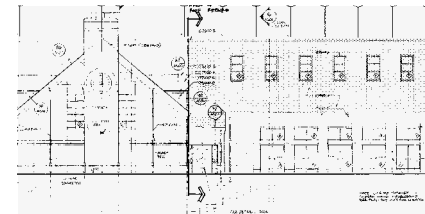
The following pages highlight how we’ve used our decades of experience reimagining environments across diverse industries, to help our clients realize what’s possible.

We design with people, for people.

We elevate the human spirit both inside and outside our studio environment through interpersonal collaborations in which all parties strategically work together to achieve shared objectives.

A Brief History

Since its inception, ongoing review and reflection has been core to our DNA. We are constantly adapting and building relationships to expand our creative community in the service of our clients' needs.



1959

Otis Associates is founded in Northbrook, Illinois.



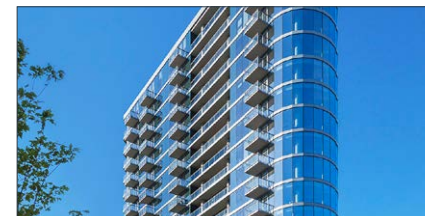
1999

Otis Associates meets Koglin Wilson, a design firm that dated back to 1967. Together, they merge to form OKW.



2002

Offices in Lincolnshire and the Inland Steel Building join together at 600 W Jackson.



2015

The award-winning NEWCITY is completed, elevating OKW's profile in Chicago's design and architecture community.



2019

Reimagine 900 positions OKW as a top player in the re-thinking of retail and hospitality.



TODAY

We continue to innovate and expand our reach across industries and locations nationwide.

We are interested and interesting.

We are naturally curious and eager to learn. We see the world in a more holistic way, and work both through life experience and our professional perspective. We are thoughtful, optimistic, eclectic, conversational, and unapologetic.



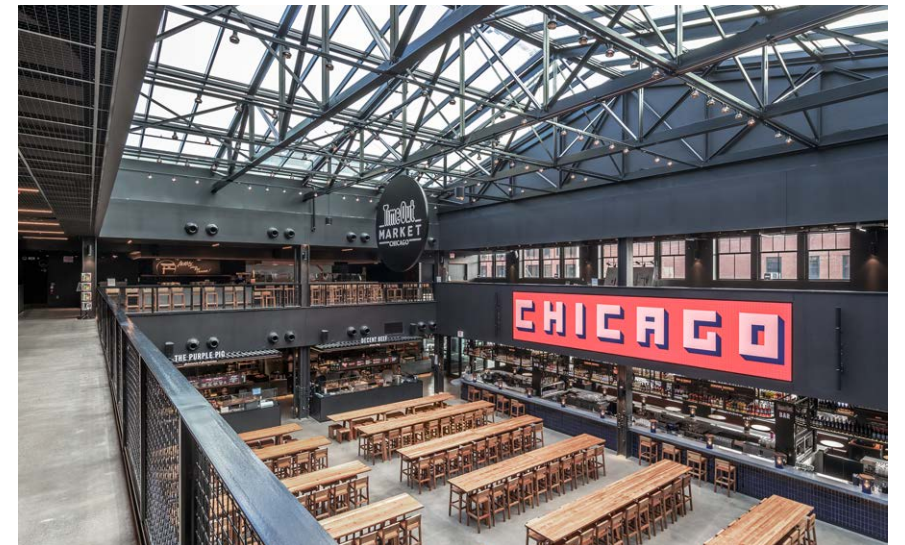
We see a relationship, not a transaction.

Our work is built on trust and enduring relationships, which serve to drive excellence and create client value. This approach to design promotes fresh thinking that creatively advances our communities.



reimagine





Cold storage becomes warm hospitality in this bright, open, and dynamic food hall. A former meat processing plant is now one of Chicago's largest food halls, with rotating food vendors, multiple bars, and a dramatic skylight.

reinvent





The comprehensive renovation of 900 North Michigan Ave needed an equally impressive capstone. This came in the shape of Aster Hall, an elegant, high-tech, and multi-purpose food hall and community space.



reposition





A shuttered Carson's becomes a new entry and atrium for a beloved shopping and community center.



re imagine invent position

OKW Architects provides the full range of architectural services and partners with the best engineers and professionals in the industry to bring your projects to life.

Originally rooted in corporate interiors and custom residential design, OKW has evolved to become one of Chicago's leading architectural studios, serving multiple markets and building types.

Whether we are working on a new food hall, planning a medical office building in a retail center, or imagining a vibrant multifamily community, our process is the same: listen to our clients and rely on context.

Context can come from many places: a site's physical location, a client's history, the neighborhood or city that surrounds a project, and the community that engages with it.

Our clients trust us and frequently return to us for this people-centric approach to architecture. It is the foundation for the many relationships we have built and nurtured over the last six decades of rewarding work.



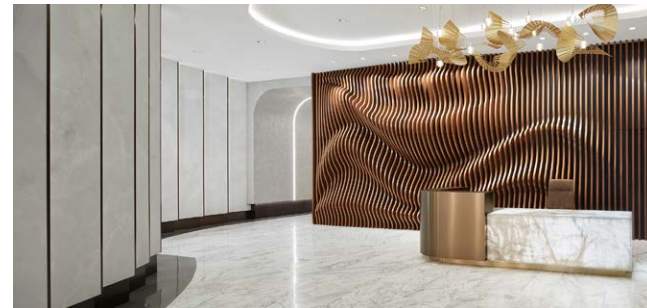
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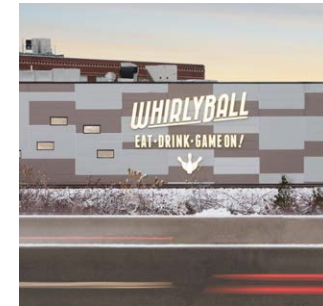
RETAIL



ARCHITECTURE



INTERIOR DESIGN



HOSPITALITY



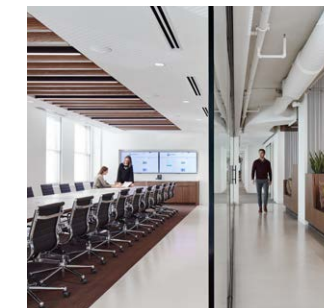
INSTITUTIONAL



IDENTITY DESIGN



LAND PLANNING



CORPORATE



COUNTRY CLUB



SENIOR LIVING



HOUSING

MIXED-USE



NEWCITY
Chicago, IL

NEWCITY
Chicago, IL



Block 37
Chicago, IL



Uptown Development
Park Ridge, IL



Mixed-Use Development
Barrington, IL
Opening 2025

932 W Randolph
Chicago, IL



Evanston Mixed-Use Tower
Evanston, IL

RETAIL



Whole Foods
Birmingham, MI

Shoppes on Washington
Naperville, IL



900 N Michigan Ave
Chicago, IL

Value City Furniture
Chicago, IL



Specialized Lincoln Park
Chicago, IL

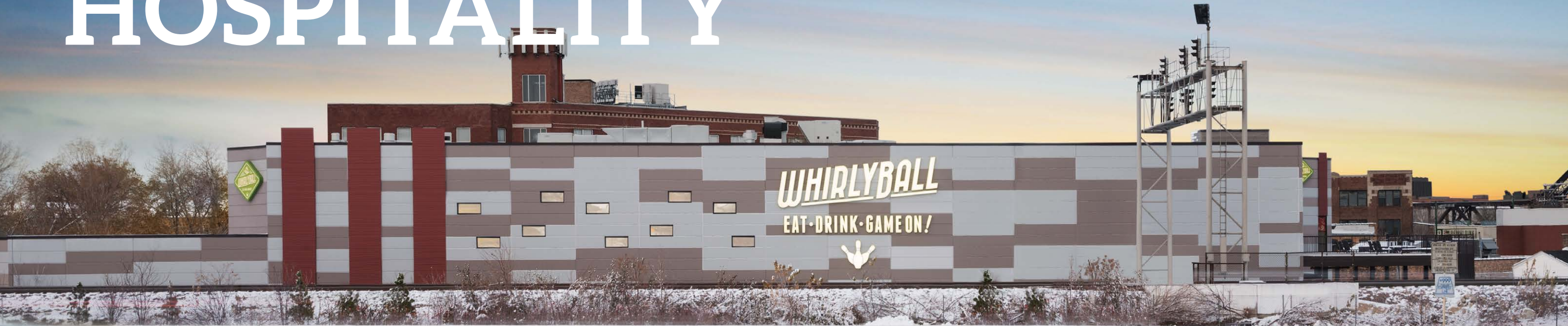


701 N Michigan
Chicago, IL

Krispy Kreme
"Experience of the Future"
Utica, MI



HOSPITALITY



Goddess and the Baker
Chicago, IL



Eataly
Chicago, IL

Hampton Social
Skokie, IL



Four Seasons Hotel
Chicago, IL

Jewish Council for Youth Services
Chicago, IL

INSTITUTIONAL

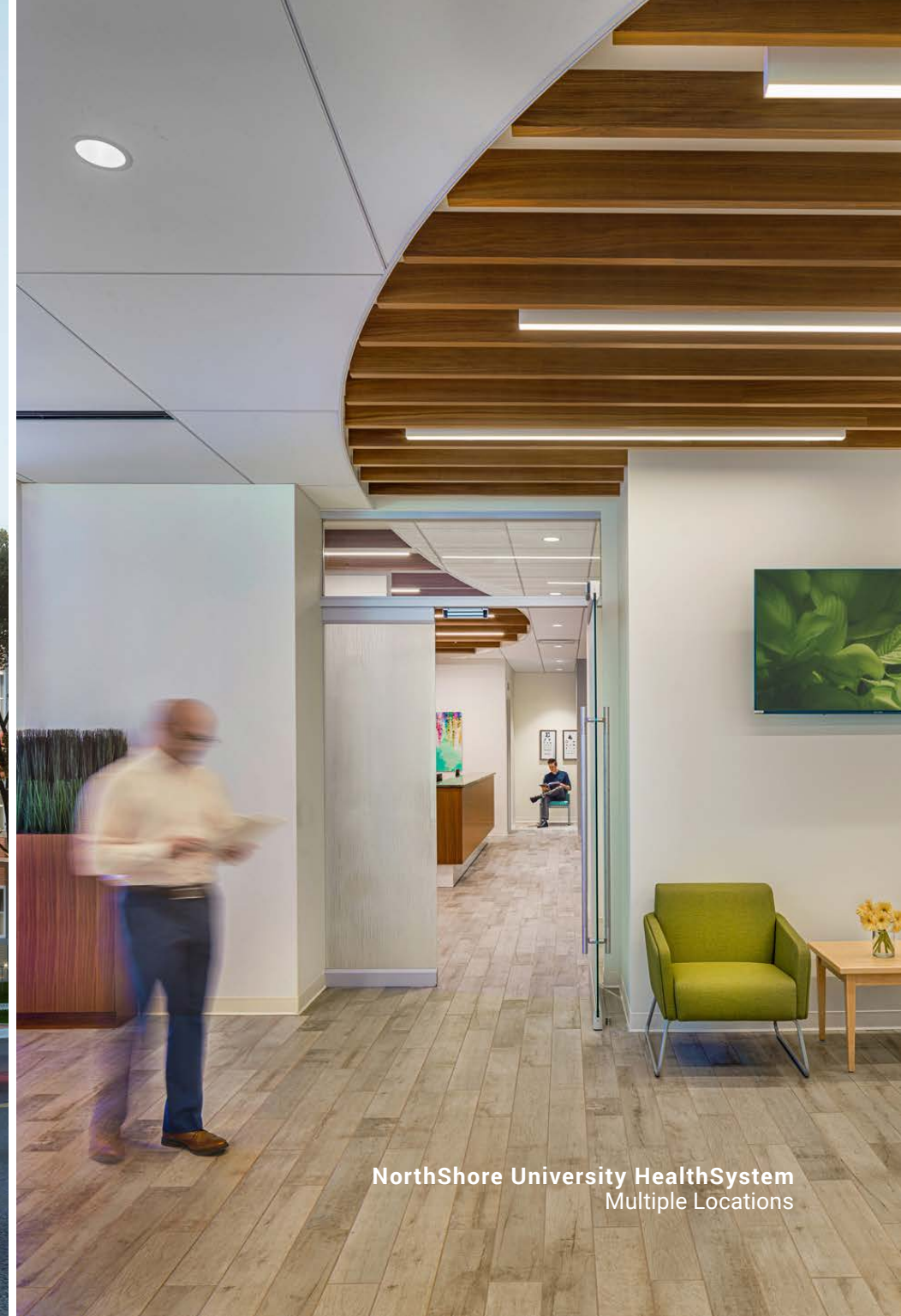


Santa Faith, Hope & Charity
Winnetka, IL



North Shore Congregation Israel
Glencoe, IL

Johnson College Prep
Chicago, IL
Opening 2023



NorthShore University HealthSystem
Multiple Locations

CORPORATE



Mid-America Real Estate Group
Chicago, IL

15 E Oak
Chicago, IL



Reyes Beer Division
Chicago, IL

VSA Partners
Chicago, IL



COUNTRY CLUB



North Shore Country Club
Glenview, IL



Medinah Country Club
Medinah, IL



Westmoreland Country Club
Wilmette, IL



Hinsdale Golf Club
Park Ridge, IL

North Shore Country Club
Glenview, IL



Ruth Lake Country Club
Hinsdale, IL

SENIOR LIVING



The Sheridan at Park Ridge
Park Ridge, IL



Mayslake Campus
Oak Brook, IL

MULTIFAMILY

Vista at Council Square
Huntsville, AL
Opening 2025



Mixed-Use Development
Arlington Heights, IL
Opening 2025



The Residences at Payton Place
Arlington Heights, IL





Avere on Forest
Glen Ellyn, IL



10 North Main
Mount Prospect, IL

OUR REACH



A geographically diverse practice, we are contributing to the built environment across the country and beyond.

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