

Stay Overnight



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Hospitality
Design in
Repurposed
Spaces

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Detroit Foundation Hotel

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Detroit, MI, USA



The Detroit Foundation Hotel embraces a “Detroit State of Mind” to welcome both visitors and locals with an authentic sense of place. The historically registered Detroit Fire Department Headquarters and adjacent Pontchartrain Wine Cellars were renovated to maintain the character of both buildings. The firehouse’s decorative terracotta panels sporting firehouse themes and original fire-engine red doors have been restored to create a distinctive presence in the urban landscape. Due to 1.5 meters

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