

Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel Pittsburgh, Pa.

Architect: J.G. Johnson Architects
Denver, Colo.

Sheet Metal Contractor: Ralph J. Meyer Co.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the redevelopment of the Fulton Building by the Ralph J. Meyer Co. was the largest copper restoration project in the northeastern United States since the Statue of Liberty renovation. The historic building will become a Renaissance Hotel, a Marriott brand upscale full-service property.

The \$1.2 million project was highly labor-intensive, requiring each piece of copper to exactly match the original. Using 16-ounce flat and corrugated copper, the craftsmen of Ralph J. Meyer custom fabricated each piece in the shop or onsite. To complete the restoration, the new copper was then patinated to achieve a uniform appearance.

When the completed 300-room hotel opened in 2001 it was the first time the Fulton Building served its intended purpose. Designed in 1906 as a hotel, the structure has been used as office and retail space over its 96-year history and for a time after World War II it housed the Veterans Administration office.

As the Renaissance Hotel, the building will provide guests with views of the Allegheny River as well as the new Pittsburgh Pirates' baseball stadium.

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Restoration of the exterior copper required the crew to construct a 13-story scaffold around the U-shaped interior courtyard.



The renovation of the Fulton Building was complicated due to the unusual shape and angles of the facade.