

The Metalworks Lofts Chicago, Illinois



Located on the corner of Diversey and Lakewood, a two story atrium becomes the primary organizational element for this residential loft renovation of a 32,000 sf industrial building. Reorienting attention away from the busy urban setting, the sky-lit atrium establishes an interior context for the arrangement of twenty residential units. Sandblasted heavy timber and masonry structure provide a contrasting framework for new construction, while retaining the original industrial character of the building.

Individual dwellings are accessed off the main atrium and contain a kitchen and bathroom core positioned to promote an open loft environment. Existing heavy timber and masonry structure remains exposed while frosted wire glass windows and glass block bring light to the back of each dwelling from the atrium.



