

## The Goodwin Hotel



In the 1980's the Goodwin Hotel's interior was removed to make way for a multi-story hotel and commercial office tower. Rehabilitation efforts preserved the iconic façade. Unfortunately, the building has languished financially. But now its new owner, Westport Capital Partners LLC, is in the midst of breathing new life into a signature downtown property.

Westport Capital faced a challenge of designing a new entry which respects the astounding architecture and provide a visual beacon from the street to beckon one inside. Wisely they engaged Tecton Architects to design a new entrance. Tecton worked with HPA, the City of Hartford's Development Services team, and Hartford Preservation Commission to produce a new entry which is both exciting and elegant. The most striking element is defined with an installation of a glass and steel canopy. This simple maneuver removes a visual barrier allowing the original architecture to presents itself magnificently. The glass entry opens the building to the renovated interior court and at night will illuminate the street letting the interior light spill out.

HPA was invited to participate in preliminary design discussions. These discussions allowed for full consideration of building details, use of materials, as well as the appropriateness of the design approach. This interaction proved to be of great value in guiding the applicant toward the Hartford Historic Commission's review and approval