

H+K Supports the Opening of the new Global Flagship Restaurant



McDonald's new Flagship restaurant in downtown Chicago, Illinois

H+K recently played an important role in the building of McDonald's new global flagship restaurant in downtown Chicago, Illinois, the headquarters of McDonald's Corporation. The 19,000 square foot eco-friendly restaurant has a contemporary design that features 27 foot windows, a floating glass garden, 70 trees and shrubs inside lining the interior walls and more than 1,000 solar panels atop the roof. The restaurant represents the new generation of McDonald's and includes a full complement of touch-screen kiosks and a standalone McCafe.

The new restaurant in the River North neighborhood includes elements that are part of the company's "Experience of the Future". McDonald's plans to modernize most of its 14,000 U.S. restaurants locations by the end of 2020. H+K provided all key kitchen components and some items in the dining room.



Susan Draus, H+K's Senior Market Manager based in Chicago, Illinois, seen here working in the new Global Flagship Restaurant, managed the project successfully for H+K.

At the recent grand opening, Steve Easterbrook, McDonald's CEO stated, "We have iconic flagship restaurants all around the world, but I would say that given that Chicago is the heartbeat of not just our U.S. business, but our worldwide business, that we are standing here in the global flagship restaurant." The restaurant is owned by U.S. Owner / Operator Nick Karavites.