

33 ARCH STREET

Boston, Massachusetts

Client: The Congress Group, Inc.



33 Arch Street is a distinctive addition to Boston's skyline and a respectful neighbor to surrounding historic buildings. Elkus Manfredi Architects designed the tower's curved glass façade to “float” off the metal and granite structure, evoking a sense of lightness and transparency. Illuminated at night, the building's crown is tapered to minimize the effect of the building mass above the Old South Meetinghouse, while the granite façade on the lower levels relates to existing buildings on Franklin Street.

To create the building site, a large double helix parking ramp that accessed seven levels of parking above the adjacent 350 Washington Street building was demolished. The redesigned site permitted the reconnection of Hawley Street between Franklin Street and Milk Street. Hawley Street now serves as the entry to the parking garage for 880 cars.

Located on the edge of the Financial District, the tower offers 600,000-square-feet of Class A office space with floor plates ranging from 19,000 to 25,000-square-feet. To achieve these large floor plates, floors 12 through 32 cantilever out 40 feet above the adjacent parking structure. Perimeter diagonal bracing extends from the foundation to the 17th floor on the north and south façades, making the cantilever possible.

Elkus Manfredi also provided interior design services for the lobby at 33 Arch Street.



