

UNITED AIRLINES

United Club Chicago, IL

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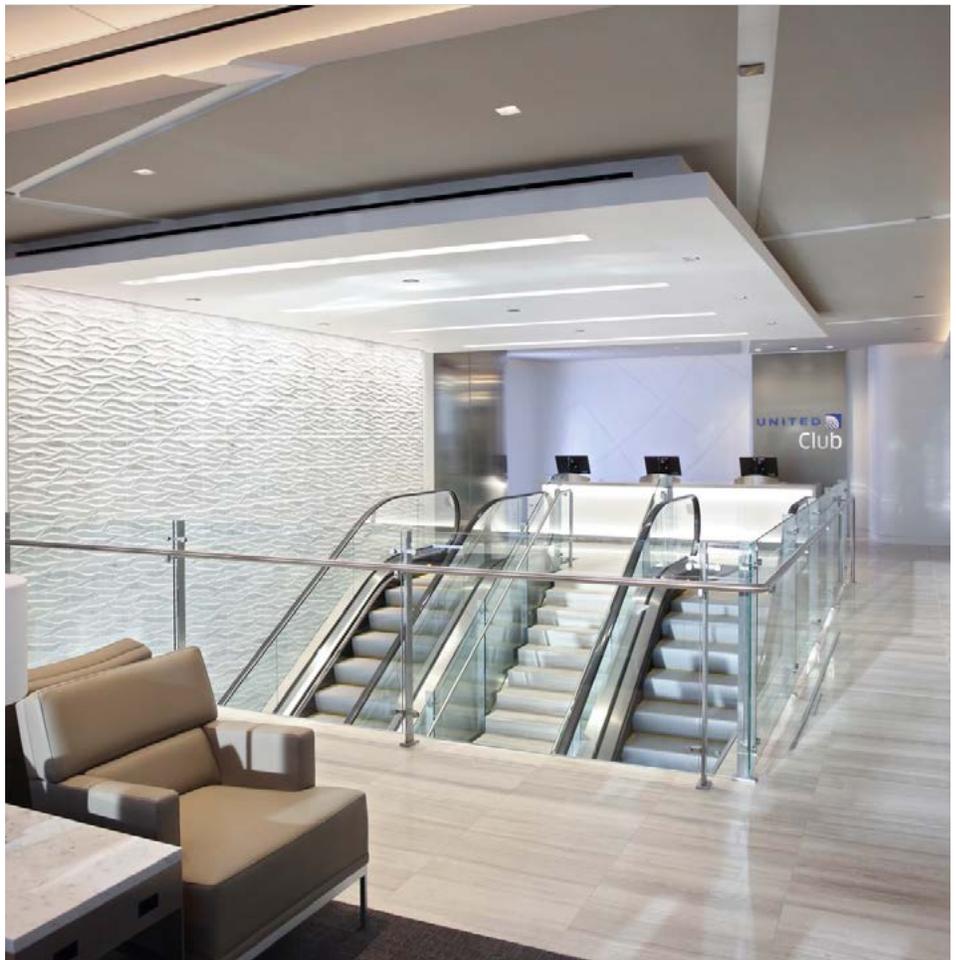
13,500 square feet

Project Highlights

Prototype United Club; Focused on how the business traveler works while on the road; Elevator, escalators, interconnecting stair; Aviation-inspired ceiling; High density power connectivity; Dreamliner-inspired restroom mirrors; Custom Corian restroom lavatories; Vintage United photos film on glass

Services Provided

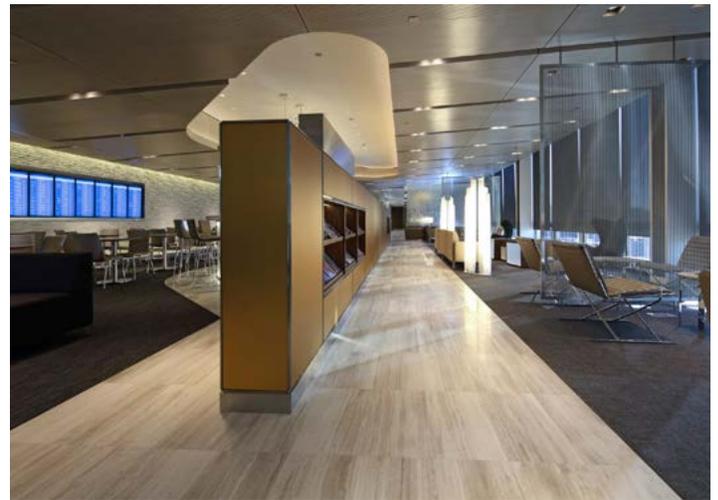
Full service interior design and architecture





The new club, renamed the United Club, was not only to set the standard for future United Clubs, but was also to set the tone for what the next generation of business travelers expect from their airlines of choice. This new club, located in Terminal 2 at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, was built in "found space" on the second floor overlooking the airport grounds.

The design intent was to provide an environment for the harried business traveler where they can transport themselves into the romanticized world of air travel associated with the black and white movies of the 40's and 50's. Density was kept at a medium level to accommodate the capacity required by the client while still creating opportunities for collaboration or "quiet solitude" by means of different seating/working zones. The bar area dominates the center of the floor and takes center stage with a long bar that provides views of the runway and is capped by a massive sculptural wood ceiling that makes a gesture towards the sky. High tables and a variety of lounge seating options provide the individual traveler with work or lounge opportunities along the windows while work tables and a food associated areas flank the bar area. Enclosed spaces have been pushed away from the windows in order to maximize access to views and natural light.



Although a dynamic space, the challenges were considerable. Access to the space required new elevators and escalators, a small tenant needed to be relocated and coordination with the airport authorities all created unique challenges that we met head on; all while working within an extremely fast-track schedule. This project received international attention and shines a great light on United Airlines and Chicago.