

DEBORAH BERKE & PARTNERS ARCHITECTS,
21C MUSEUM HOTEL, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY



Next time you come to town for the Kentucky Derby, the genteel Brown Hotel won't be your only option. That's because a younger generation of the Brown family brought in *Interior Design* Hall of Fame member Deborah Berke to design a downtown hotel, renovating five brick buildings from the 19th century and connecting them with a glass atrium to form a 100,000-square-foot whole. Jockeying for attention throughout are edgy contemporary paintings, sculptures, photographs, and videos—all by artists who are alive and working in the 21st century. Fired-clay sculpture greets guests at reception, while color prints hang from milk-carton panels in the restaurant. One of the hotel's 91 guest rooms features a pixelated tapestry portrait by Chuck Close.

—Jen DeRose →

PROJECT TEAM: STEPHEN BROCKMAN; SUZANNE GEHLERT; RHODA KENNEDY; SHIRLEY LEONG; TERENCE SCHROEDER.

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