





FAIRMONT HERITAGE PLACE, GHIRARDELLI SQUARE IN SAN FRANCISCO, USA

If Charlie still had his golden ticket today, he might just cash it in for a night at Fairmont Heritage Place, Ghirardelli Square. The property that dates back to the 1860s used to house the iconic Ghirardelli Chocolate Factory before Mark Hornberger of Hornberger + Worstell came in and put his own spin to the new “Private Residence Club”. Despite the upgrade, Hornberger preserved the historic fabric of the buildings such as the brick walls and heavy timber columns and floors that reminiscence the olden days.

As Ghirardelli Square is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Hornberger admitted that to update the property with the stringent requirements of the code and preservation officials was a challenge – from both design and historic preservation perspectives. This however was handled seamlessly by the architect and his team given their deep experience in manoeuvring such delicate projects.

What eventually transpired was the Fairmont-branded apartment-style suites that combine the appeal of the buildings’ past with spectacular views of the San Francisco waterfront and the deluxe facilities. And aside from nightly stays, the five-star residences are also available for ownership, which comes with its own perks including exclusive membership in Fairmont’s President’s Club Circle.

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