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## Ashton at Judiciary Square

Washington, DC

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**PRACTICE AREA**

Multifamily

**CLIENT**

Hanover Company

**STATUS**

Completed 2009

**SERVICES**

Architecture, Interiors

**PROGRAM**

12 stories, 49 units totaling 100,000-sf.

**DESCRIPTION**

The developer requested a design that would entice an affluent business class demographic, noting the building's location in close proximity to multiple modes of transportation, DC's Central Business District, and a vast array of entertainment venues. The result is a boutique apartment building that offers a lifestyle rich with luxury and comfort.

The design brings a fresh, modern aesthetic to the block without discrediting the traditional architecture of the surrounding buildings. The design utilizes every square foot available on the small 10,827-sf lot, making use of a building code provision that permits a percentage of street façade to overhang the property line as window bays. These curtain-walled bays become the outermost layer of elegant assemblage of forms, beginning with a full height white metal clad armature that is capped by honed French limestone clad components. A glass canopy, which is a sweeping curve composed of horizontal ribbon windows with its spandrels clad in pewter colored metal, complements and unites these forms, as it defines the building's entry. The units are much larger than a typical downtown unit. One bedrooms start at 1,237-sf, and two bedrooms at 1600-sf. With only six units per floor, two-thirds are corner units and take advantage of unobstructed views of the Capitol.

The interior design drew inspiration from The Ashton brand's design standards, using dark rich walnut, dark brown marble, and custom marble mosaic inserts for a classy and traditional feel, while the use of frosted glass panels and sleek furniture give the space a modern twist. The result is a space with high quality interior detailing. The white, beige, and dark chocolate color scheme brings all these elements together in a truly elegant manner.