

# DUNBAR HOTEL

Client: Thomas Safran & Associates  
 Location: Los Angeles, CA  
 Product Type: Historic Renovation – Affordable Senior Housing  
 Services: Architecture  
 Construction Type: Type V Adaptive Reuse

Total Units: 41  
 Site Size: 0.75 Acres  
 Density: 55 du/ac



Dunbar Hotel is part of Dunbar Village, a project that also includes the complete renovation of the Somerville Apartments I and II. The adaptive reuse of The Dunbar Hotel has won wide acclaim for the revitalization of the historic property. It was once the focal point of the Central Avenue African-American community in Los Angeles during the 1930s and 1940s for notables who visited, performed or stayed at the hotel. Preserving Dunbar Hotel’s historic brick façade, the new design provides 41 residential units of affordable senior housing.



Over the years, the building had suffered serious neglect following several ill-conceived renovations, including the installation of a cover over the large central atrium, an important feature of the original Art Deco design. The new design reopens the atrium and introduces a glass roof, which creates an inviting gathering place for residents and space for a public restaurant.

