



MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

## JW MARRIOTT MALL OF AMERICA

### OPENING DATE

2014

### SCOPE OF SERVICES

Foodservice Design

### PROJECT SIZE

1st Floor Restaurant 7,000 SF

Restaurant Kitchen 2,400 SF

170 seats

Meeting Spaces 5,500 SF

Banquet Kitchen 5,300 SF

### EQUIPMENT COST

\$1,800,000

This project gave us the opportunity to work with three, long time clients, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Tribe, owner of Mystic Lake Casino, DLR Architects, and Mortenson Construction. We had worked with DLR and Mortenson several years ago on the Radisson Blu Hotel project on the south side of the Mall of America, now this project would be the cornerstone of an 850,000 square foot expansion on the north side of the Mall of America.

The project includes the ground floor restaurant, Cedar and Stone, located between the Grand Atrium of the Mall and the hotel lobby. The Cedar and Stone bar is located adjacent to the Atrium and includes table seating as well as the bar. This restaurant also provides room service to the hotel. Space was limited on the ground floor so the kitchen included display cooking, dishwashing, enough storage for one day with minimal prep area. The bulk of the prep work occurred in the banquet kitchen on the 3rd floor.

The ground floor also includes a Lobby Bar that transforms from breakfast to mid-day to night-time.

The ballroom and meeting spaces are on the third floor and include a 10,000 square foot ballroom and 5,500 square feet of meeting space. This floor also includes the banquet kitchen to support the meeting spaces as well as prep for the Cedar and Stone restaurant. The layout of the kitchen was particularly challenging because 80% of the available space had an 8-foot maximum ceiling height. That left only 20% of the kitchen where we could place exhaust hoods. The locations of walk-ins needed to be coordinated with the drains from the hotel rooms above.