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Three Pickard Chilton-Designed Projects Honored with 2018 AIA Connecticut Design Awards

(New Haven, Conn. – October 18, 2018) – [Pickard Chilton](http://pickardchilton.com), an award-winning architecture studio best known for its innovative and cutting-edge design of corporate headquarters and campuses, announced that three of its projects have been honored with [2018 AIA Connecticut Design Awards](http://aiaconnecticut.org). Its conceptual design for the UBER Sky Tower received the Unbuilt Excellence Award, while a Wellness Center in Spring, TX and the Devon Energy Center in Oklahoma City, OK each were awarded with a Built – Commercial, Institutional, Educational or Multi-family Merit Award.

The AIA Connecticut Design Awards celebrate the accomplishments of Connecticut architects as well as the excellence of architectural projects in Connecticut. A jury comprised of **Stephen White AIA**, Dean and Professor at Roger Williams University's School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation; **Celia Imrey**, owner and founder of Imrey Planning & Design Studio; and, **Robert Gurney FAIA**, owner and founder of Robert Gurney Architect, reviewed the projects and made the final selections.

Pickard Chilton, in collaboration with Arup, created a conceptual **Sky Tower for uberAIR Skyports**, a design which was revealed at Uber's 2nd Elevate Summit in May 2018. Pickard Chilton/Arup's design was one of six selected from dozens of submissions for its high degree of realism and technical feasibility. The conceptual designs mark the first steps from industrial leaders to create infrastructure for high-volume operations of uberAIR networks in and around cities. The jury noted that the uberAIR Skyport *"stood out among the unbuilt projects. It is very forward thinking and incredibly well illustrated."* Pickard Chilton and Arup's design is driven by function, creating a form that would support, augment and 'elevate' the Uber brand.

The **Wellness Center** is an award-winning 130,000-square-foot project in Spring, Texas that forms a health, medical and fitness hub on a corporate campus. A three-story glass atrium features an open, day-lit cascading staircase, which encourages employees to use the stairs as their primary route to the exercise rooms. Programs include yoga, cardio, spinning, Pilates, strength training, a basketball court and personal training. A healthy food space features a juice bar, large café, and demonstration kitchen. The jury noted the project's *"open, light-filled spaces whose finishes and high ceilings elevate the facility far beyond the 'gym'."*

The **Devon Energy Center**, the company's headquarters, is a *"large, complex project that is handled with incredible deftness,"* says the AIA Connecticut jury. The three-million-square-foot complex features a 50-story office tower and a six-story entrance rotunda with interior balconies that serves as the connecting

hub for the entire complex. The five-story podium houses the conference and training centers and amenities. An indoor galleria includes dining areas overlooking the new park and landscaped plazas. The tower's height and unique three-sided footprint make it a landmark throughout greater Oklahoma City. At the tower's top, each face is chamfered to create a triangular form to reflect the sky and offer a subtly changing presence on the skyline.

The awards will be presented to all recipients at the 2018 AIA Connecticut Awards Gala which will take place on December 3, 2018 at The Water View in Monroe, Connecticut.

ABOUT PICKARD CHILTON

Pickard Chilton is an international architectural practice noted for its expertise in the design of large, complex and often high-profile buildings including corporate headquarters, high-rise commercial office towers, hotels, and academic and health care facilities. The firm's layered perspective informs all of its work, presenting clients with a sophisticated, knowledge-based approach that emphasizes design vision, integrity, a focus on client objectives, and exceptional service. Headquartered in New Haven, Conn., the firm's recent completed projects include: Northwestern Mutual Tower and Commons in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; 609 Main in Houston, Texas; the ATCO Campus in Calgary, Alberta; and, 1144 Fifteenth in Denver, Colorado. Current projects include 2+U in Seattle, Washington; 145 Broadway in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Canal Place for Dominion Energy in Richmond, Va.; and a mixed-use project in Tampa, Fla.; as well as commercial and residential developments in Austin, Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Miami and Tokyo, Japan. Please visit www.pickardchilton.com for more information.