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Two Pickard Chilton Projects Recognized for Sustainable Design by AIA Connecticut Awards Program

The Firm's designs for Global HQ for Akamai Technologies in Cambridge and Uber Sky Loft Concept Honored with 2022 AIA Connecticut Sustainable Architecture Awards

(New Haven, Conn. – August 3, 2022) – [Pickard Chilton](#), an award-winning architecture studio best known for its innovative and cutting-edge design of corporate headquarters and high performance buildings, announces that two of its projects, Akamai Technologies' Global Headquarters in Cambridge, Mass, and the design concept for Uber Sky Loft were each recognized by AIA Connecticut's [2022 Sustainable Architecture awards](#).

Akamai's HQ received a Merit Award in the New Construction Category, while Uber Sky Loft was honored with a Commendation for Conceptual Design with a focus on Adaptive Reuse, Embodied Carbon, & Mobility in the Conceptual or Research-Based Projects category.

AIA Connecticut's Sustainable Architecture awards program recognizes the efforts of licensed Connecticut architects who have developed and demonstrated ways to secure a more sustainable and environmentally thriving future. Equally important is the creation of durable, comfortable, and healthy spaces. The award raises awareness for the massive role played by construction, maintenance, and operations of the built environment.

The 2022 judges included Rachelle Ain, AIA, CPHC, WELL AP and Julie Janiski, co-Chairs of the Carbon Leadership Forum Boston; and, Paul Torcellini, Principal Engineer, National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

Akamai Technologies Global Headquarters

The 482,000 gsf, 19-story glass-clad building at 145 Broadway in Cambridge serves as the global headquarters for [Akamai Technologies](#), one of the world's leading providers of content delivery network services. In the heart of Kendall Square, the fastest growing technology hub in the country, the high-performance corporate office tower consolidates Akamai's entire work force from across six disparate locations into a single unified vertical campus.



About the Akamai Headquarters, the jurors commented, “... *this is an exciting project with many positive impacts. It features robust site and source energy savings alongside health and wellbeing strategies like the AkaMile walking pathway. The combination of LEED Platinum and WELL Platinum is commendable and supports a realized high-performance project.*”

Uber Sky Loft

For the 2019 Uber Elevate Summit, Pickard Chilton and Arup were again engaged to design a concept for a Skyport Mobility Hub, the Uber Sky Loft, for its first international launch market in Melbourne, Australia. The proposed initial network included the retrofit of an existing parking structure and the design of a bespoke greenfield solution.

The elegant and high-performance design of the 40,000-square-foot [Sky Loft](#) is distinguished by its extensive use of a highly sustainable mass timber structure to offset tons of carbon. The design was driven by Pickard Chilton’s aspirations to deliver a structure that positively contributes to the built environment while stewarding the natural environment.



Of the Uber Sky Loft concept, the judges commented, “*The reuse of an existing parking structure supports the built environment’s need to address adaptive reuse at large and engages some provocative questions about mobility, and this is an attractive solution. The concept of a new multi-modal transit hub is an important discussion to shift away from single owner vehicles...*”

AIA Connecticut’s Sustainable Architecture Awards program launched in 2020. Pickard Chilton’s projects have been honored each year;

[2+U](#) received a Merit award in 2021 and [609 Main](#) was given an Award of Excellence in 2020.

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 and multi-family towers, hotels, and academic and life sciences facilities. The firm’s layered perspective informs all of its work, presenting clients with a sophisticated, knowledge-based approach that emphasizes design vision, placemaking, integrity, a focus on client objectives, and exceptional service. Headquartered in New Haven, Conn., the firm’s recent completed projects include: Norfolk Southern’s new headquarters in Atlanta Ga.; Akamai’s new headquarters in Cambridge, Ma.; River Point in Chicago; Northwestern Mutual’s headquarters in Milwaukee; and, 2+U in Seattle, Wash. Current projects include CoStar Group’s Corporate Campus in Richmond, Va.; Mutual of Omaha’s headquarters in Omaha; 325 Main, Google’s new headquarters in Cambridge, Ma.; the Tokyo Midtown Yaesu Project and Global Gateway Shinagawa development, both in Tokyo, Japan; as well as commercial and residential developments in Austin, Atlanta, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Houston, San Francisco, Washington, DC, as well as in Düsseldorf and Stuttgart, Germany. Please visit www.pickardchilton.com for more information.