

# VOS HOTEL

## HOSPITALITY / RETAIL

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK | 2015

### ROLE

LEESER Architecture performed design services for the building enclosure.

### LEAD DESIGNERS

Thomas Leeser, Simon Arnold, Christian Lehmkühl

**SIZE** 110,000 square foot

**COST** Undisclosed

### PROGRAM

The hotel will rise approximately 300 feet and will include a rooftop bar and pool, a

banquet hall, a ballroom, a performance space on the basement level, and a ground floor restaurant and mezzanine that looks onto an outdoor arts plaza.

### DESIGN COMMENTS

The 200-room Rockwell Place Hotel is designed to accommodate the growing number of visitors flocking to Brooklyn's emerging cultural district. In a city and borough in the midst of a hotel boom, Leeser's cutting-edge design is a much anticipated addition to the Downtown Brooklyn skyline.

On the rise new hotels, the Wall Street Journal notes "The most impressive is the Marriott Autograph Collection coming to the Brooklyn Academy of Music district. The Wall Street Journal Renderings show a fractured exterior suggesting a glass box that's been glued back together more than once."

Architect Thomas Leeser says the design reflects the borough itself: "It needed an architectural statement that talked about Brooklyn being a fractured borough of entities, ethnicities and economies."

The 30-story building, made of white fritted glass and metal, will feature dramatic asymmetrical fractures in the façade that reinforce a notion of Brooklyn as multi-faceted and modern. The outdoor arts plaza will rotate local art organizations exhibitions anchoring the hotel as a central public space within the new cultural district.

The tower is scheduled to open in 2017.





