



Brooklyn has been a hub of commercial and residential activity for generations, incorporating tremendous cultural diversity and a longstanding industrial heritage which form rich layers of history. In refreshing the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge, in Downtown Brooklyn, Kajska Krause and Tracy Sawyer, Principals and Co-founders of Krause Sawyer, were challenged with bringing the borough's multi-dimensional past into the present while realizing Marriott's vision of a luxe residential space juxtaposed against the backdrop of Brooklyn's gritty aesthetic.



In renovating the membership only M Club Lounge, Krause and Sawyer chose custom-sized **Fusión Wood Panels**, whose hand-crafted, reclaimed, stacked and bespoke feel added to the urban vibe of Downtown Brooklyn. "It almost becomes artwork more than just a plain surface, and it really fit the bill for what our narrative was," says Krause.

Continuing that story, a smaller scale **Fusión Wood Panels** were installed in the adjacent restrooms for visual continuity, along with **FORM Concrete Porcelain**, which also plays off the industrial theme. "It gave it an industrial feeling, like the sidewalks of the city," says Sawyer.



"What we like about ASI materials are the specialty finishes that are produced in a way we know is applicable to the hospitality industry," says Krause. "We know they are not going to break the bank for the owners and ease of installation and its durability add to the key goal of making something look residential, rich and handmade, and at the same time know it really will perform in a commercial environment."

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