



Ellison Balanced Doors Help Chicago Remain on Top in Architecture

Seven more buildings throughout the city of Chicago have recently been equipped with custom balanced doors by Ellison – the highest standard in aesthetically pleasing and functional entryways. Meeting a variety of demands, Ellison balanced doors serve as a welcome point for a Chicago library, an upscale restaurant, and luxury clothing stores, just to name a few. The city that many consider the architectural capital of America demands nothing less than Ellison.



University of Chicago

Levi Quad Portal
5235 S. Harper Court

Steady pedestrian flow calls for quick and easy-opening doors. Accommodating the rush of students moving across the University of Chicago daily, Ellison balanced doors operate smoothly among heavy foot traffic. These narrow stile tempered glass doors are made of stainless steel and include Ellison PowerNow power operation functionality, providing an accessible entrance for all users.

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Under Armour

600 N. Michigan Ave

Ellison extruded aluminum narrow stile doors make a statement at Under Armour's Chicago brand house. The rationale behind UA's brand houses is not just to increase sales, but to offer customers an immersive brand experience like no other. The impressive exterior facade meets the Chicago pavement with elegant balanced doors.

The 30,000 sq. ft. Chicago store opened in March 2015 in the upscale sector of Michigan Avenue. The building earned recognition at the annual Design Awards of the Association of Retail Environments (A.R.E.), winning the Store of the Year award and the Best Specialty Store (more than 25,000 sq. ft.) This award-winning structure with its powerful rotunda is graced with 11-foot-tall Ellison balanced doors, painted to match the existing aesthetic.

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WMS Gaming

2718 W. Roscoe St

WMS Gaming had its start in classic popular pinball machines and video arcade games. Now, WMS Gaming's Corporate Headquarters, a LEED Platinum office building, is outfitted with progressive entryways as well. The design of this new 120,000 sq. ft., five-story building earned certification by efficiently reducing operating costs by 28% – contributing to a more sustainable environment for its occupants.

With its ultramodern appearance, the WMS Gaming headquarters' flashy entrance hub is now equipped with two pairs of Ellison balanced formed stainless steel doors, fully functional with PowerNow accessibility. The doors' reflective steel rails and glass panels match the building's exterior precisely for one cohesive visual.

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Albany Park Library

3401 W. Foster Ave

Originally introduced in 1963, a new facility for Albany Park Library was opened in September of 2014. It is one of 80 locations within the Chicago Public Library system – the second largest in the Midwest. The Albany Park branch is LEED Gold Certified and has a 50% green roof, so Ellison doors fit the bill perfectly. Additionally, the library won the Friends of the Chicago River Green Ribbon Award in 2015.

Two pairs of extruded aluminum Ellison balanced doors complete the face of the cuboid-shaped entryway that welcomes guests to the library. Below the emblazoned CPL patch denoting its affiliation, the balanced doors coordinate with the glass paneling aluminum framed storefront system that surrounds them. A color-coordinated paint finish adds a completed touch to the entryway, providing a seamless integration.

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300 East Randolph

300 East Randolph St

Five-time recipient of BOMA's Office Building of the Year TOBY Award and three-time winner of BOMA's North Central Region TOBY Award, 300 East Randolph is comprised of an estimated 8,000 pieces of structural steel and 12,000 yards of concrete. Directly centered at its base are Ellison balanced doors that provide a marquee entrance to this 57-story Chicago wonder.

Officially called the Blue Cross Blue Shield Tower, the entrance to this immense structure features narrow stile tempered glass doors. The glass façade that covers the exterior needed a fitting entryway that matched its aesthetic. The central Ellison double-doorway, located between two revolving doors, achieves this and is equipped with PowerNow automatic opener technology.

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Burberry

633 N. Michigan Ave

Burberry's notorious check pattern lines the exterior of their 633 N. Michigan Avenue flagship location. One of the top ten luxury clothing brands, Burberry demands top-of-the-line amenities for their stores – like Ellison custom balanced doors.

Two narrow stile tempered glass Ellison singlet doors complement both the building and the Burberry brand. This five-story retail location epitomizes the company's identity, relying on Ellison and their balanced door hardware to make the first impression for each customer.

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Chicago Cut Steakhouse

300 N. LaSalle St

Chicago Cut Steakhouse, owned and operated by two steakhouse veterans, is located in a dazzling space along the Chicago River. In order to put flair back into Chicago's upscale restaurant scene, the owners strived for a modern twist on the traditional steakhouse setting. Modernity begins at the front door with a stainless steel Ellison balanced entryway. The steel pillars that line the walkway leading up to the steakhouse entrance convey a theme that needed to be matched. Luckily, Ellison doors can be constructed to suit any architect's design concept.

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Chicago has been referred to by many as the architectural capital of America and the structures that grace the city are one of its distinctive attractions. In fact, one of the world's tallest buildings can be found here, the Willis Tower. Buildings like this have paved the way to contemporary architecture. And for such highly regarded structures, amenities must match if not improve appearance and functionality. Ellison has been called upon countless times – not only delivering quality entrances in big cities like Chicago, but all over the world.

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