

## **Reconstruction and Repair - Fairfield Inn and Suites**

Lexington, Kentucky



Design Team: Million Architecture, PLLC

• Owner: TMI Properties / Universal Restoration Services

• Square Footage: 11,000 SF

• Location: Beaumont Centre, Lexington, Kentucky

On September 7, 2014, a guest at a neighboring hotel was parking their Kia Soul and mistook the gas pedal for the brake pedal. The car jumped the curb and hit the Fairfield Inn & Suites, coming to rest partly in the mechanical room. A natural gas rupture filled the hotel which was immediately evacuated. Twelve minutes after impact, the gas exploded, blowing out the walls on the main floor, and setting fire to the building. Seven minutes later, the second and third floors collapsed, demolishing approximately 45% of the building. There was no loss of life, and no serious injuries.

Working with Universal Restoration Services, Million Architecture was initially commissioned to prepare a report citing all existing items that were not conformant to the current building code, in order to quantify the insurance claim for the reconstruction. Upon completion of that report, Million Architecture set to work preparing the construction documents to permit and re-construct the hotel. After extensive renovation and reconstruction, the property was re-opened in April 2015.