



# ALDEN HOTEL HISTORIC RESOURCES REPORT

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Historic Resource Report  
The Alden Hotel  
2925 Indian Creek Drive  
Miami Beach, FL 33140

Legal Description: Lots 14 & 15 Blk 12, Miami Beach Imp Co Sub., PB 5-7  
Lot Size 14,029 Sq. Ft.  
N/A/U 02-3226-049-0001  
F/K/A The Alden Hotel Condo

Year Built: Original Building 1936  
Addition 1940

Original Architects: Nadel and Nordin (1936)

M. J. Nadel, American architect from New Jersey. His initial work appeared documented in the book "The Lumber Manufacturer and Dealer", as a 1919 brick factory and loft building in NJ. Important Art Deco buildings are the Splendor (1924) and the Pennway Apartments (1939) in Miami Beach.

Robert M. Nordin, American architect from New Jersey. Member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) from 1921-1925. He was an architect in Miami with outstanding Art Deco and Modernist buildings in the Miami Beach and Miami Shores area. Other important residences are in West Palm Beach and were built during the 1940s.

Architect for Addition: Henry Hohauser (1940)

Henry Hohauser (1895-1963) was an architect in Miami Beach, Florida. He is known for his Art Deco architecture stylings, and is listed as a "Great Floridian"; in 1993, he was ranked as one of the 100 most influential people in South Florida history by The Miami Herald.

Hohauser studied at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York before coming to Florida in 1932. Features of his work include symmetry on the front elevation, Art Deco stylings such as a ziggurat or stepped roofline, glass bricks, curved edges, and neon lighting.

His work was low cost in order to serve the middle-class tourists. He designed more than 300 homes, apartment buildings, hotels, stores, restaurants and theaters. (Source: Wikipedia)

**Building Description:** The Alden is a 3-story hotel building in the Art Deco style, designed by Architects Nadel and Nordin in 1936 and altered by Henry Hohauser in 1940. The original building and addition were built by J. Albert & Son.

During WWII the building was used by the military, and then returned to owner in 1945.

The original building was a concrete block structure with 52 rooms. An Otis elevator was one of its initial improvements. The addition of 1940 added 18 more rooms and a basement area that was built on spread footing. It was also constructed with concrete block structure.

In 1952 the pool was added as a recreational facility of the hotel.

This building is an outstanding example of an asymmetrical Art Deco structure unique to the tropical environment of Miami Beach and very indicative of the period of significance. (Source: Miami Beach Historic Property Viewer).

The façade featured large casement windows with curved and angled projecting eyebrows and raised horizontal racing stripes. Stepped parapet accented by fluted panels and decorative relief. The same column fluted panel architecture is located on the right side of the structure, with two large columns and one small column.

METRO ORD. #75-34  
RECERTIFICATION DATE: 4-26-77  
10-16-87

ARMY RETURNED TO OWNER 12/13/45 ALDEN HOTEL

Owner RED STAR HOLDING CORP. Mailing Address Permit No. 8902  
Lot 14 & 15 Block 12 Subdivision M.B. Imp CO.O.F. No. 2925 Street Indian Creek Drive Date Oct. 21-1936  
General Contractor J. Albert 17118 Address  
Architect Nadel and Nordin Address 1 Otis-Elevator  
Front 50 Depth 125 Height Stories 3 Use HOTEL - 52 rooms  
Type of construction c-b-s- Cost \$ 55,000.00 Foundation reinf. concrete Roof Flat

Plumbing Contractor Fixzit # 9563 Address Date Nov. 2-1936  
No. fixtures 165 Gas 50 Rough approved by gas o.k. J.J. Farrey- 11-21-1936 Date  
No. Receptacles  
Plumbing Contractor Address Date  
No. fixtures set Final approved by Date  
Sewer connection Septic tank Make Date

Electrical Contractor Hardy Elec. Co. # 7367 Address Date Oct. 23-1936  
No. outlets 225 Heaters Stoves Motors 2 Fans Temporary service  
Receptacles 125 Temporary Saw - 1 Hardy # 7962 - Dec. 24-1936  
Rough approved by Date  
Electrical Contractor Hardy # 7961 Address Date Dec. 24-1936  
No. fixtures set 175 Final approved by Date  
Date of service Jan. 20-1937

BOND 2558 Alterations or repairs # 14549- Addition of 18 hotel rooms and basement- Date Sep. 3- 1940  
40' X 78'4 X 36' - 3 story-- c/b/s on spread footing - composition roof \$ 25000.00  
Henry Hohauser, architect : J. Albert & Son, contractor:  
Plumbing # 14053- Markowitz & Resnick- 22 water closets- 1 SEWER - 22 lavatories-  
21 bath tubs - 1 sink - 1 shower - 5 floor drains - 34 Gas - Sep. 5-1940  
ROUGH APPROVED -T.BELL -10-22-40 ROUGH APPROVED -T.BELL-10-29-40  
ELECTRICAL PERMIT # 16297 - IDEAL ELECT. 1 Service-Temporary Nov. 25-40



BUILDING PERMIT # 23708 -- Roofing - Ever-Dur - 11/29/46 \$ 185....  
 State permit # 38309 SWIMMING POOL - 20 X 40 - Alex. B. Kononoff, contr. \$ 15,000....April 18, 1952  
 #321 - 5/5/52 # 46555 All American Sandblasting Company.....sandblasting pool with water and covers....  
 \$ 150.00 Dec. 6, 1954  
 \$ 50.00 February 17, 1955  
 # 46947 Max Landesman Pole sign 3' x 2'  
 #54647 Stuart Cooling Corp: 1 - 7 1/2 ton pkg air conditioner - \$2250 - Oct. 9, 1957  
 #60609 M. Bonomo: Paint exterior of building - \$850 - Nov. 19, 1959  
 #60753 Appliance Consumer Service: 5 - 1 HP window air conditioners - \$1000 - Dec. 9, 1959  
 #68507 Gelfand Roofing Co.: Reroof - \$2200. - 11/29/62  
 #77447 Air Cond. Center: Install 7 1 hp a.c. units - \$1400 - 11/28/66 OK Plaag 3/24/67  
 PLUMBING PERMIT # Markowitz & Resnick- 1 water closet - 1 urinal - Oct. 26-1940  
 # 14843- Markowitz & Resnick- 1 sink - 1 grease traps- Dec. 23 - 1940  
 # 19005-Serota-4 sinks-2 gas range-----1-2-46  
 # 33287 Hurst Drilling & Equipment Co: 2" supply well - April 30, 1952  
 # 33288 A. Hild Plumbing Co: 1 Swimming Pool trap - May 1, 1952  
 #46522 Serota Plbg. Co: 30 lavatories, 30 gas ranges - 4/22/68  
 #399 Air Conditioning & Appliance 25; 10,300 BTU 1/13/69 *OK @ 1/31/69*  
 #47243 Serota Plumbing: 20 lavatories, 20 gas ranges 5/7/69  
 #958 Air Conditioning & Appliance 26 - 11,000 BTU air conditioners 12/15/69  
 #85691 - Owner - enclose stairway. \$700.00 11/30/70  
 #87516 - Ecomoway - tent fumigation \$500.00 9/7/71  
 ELECTRICAL PERMIT # 15680-- Ideal Electric- 48 switch outlets- 64 light outlets- 65 receptacles -  
 final OK Brown 3/10/41 64 fixtures- 6 centers of distribution- Sep. 20th-1940  
 # 15806- Ideal Electric- 1 temporary service- Oct. 5-1940  
 # 18561 - 1 appliance, 2 motors, 3 centers -Bankier Bros:- Nov. 20, 1941 Final 11-26th  
 # 20801 Neon Sign & Service: 1 neon transformer Dec. 20, 1944  
 # 21824 Army-3 light outlets----Restoration-----12-10-45  
 # 36510 Best Electric Co: 1 switch outlet, 2 light outlets, 1 center of distribution,  
 2 motors- May 8, 1952 - OK, H. Rosser, 1-12-53  
 # 39058 Arrow Electric: 1 Appliance Outlet, 1 Motor (1/2 HP): Apr 1, 1953 OK, Rosser  
 #06850-Owner-Cement sidewalk, approx 5 on 30 on north side of building - \$110-2-11-75 4/28/54  
 #43790 Astor Electric - one 30 amp motor.....Jan. 7, 1955 OK, Rosser 1/10/55  
 #50065 Astor Elec: 1 motor (1HP)- June 7, 1957  
 #51120 Astor Elec: 3 centers of distrib, 1 motor (1HP), 1 motor (2-5HP)- 10/25/57 OK 10-5-57 Fidler  
 #56049 Astor Elec: 1 Servie Equipment - Nov. 16, 1960  
 #62042 Ben's Elec.: partial permit - 3/3/65 OK Fidler 3/16/65  
 #62086 Ben's Elec.: 150 receptacles; 3 cent. of dist.; 1 serv.equip. - 3/16/65 OK Fidler 3/16/65  
 #65323 Astor Elect.: 2 motors 0-1 hp. - 12/8/67  
 #6499-Owner-Painting and maintenance-\$2000-11-14-74  
 BUILDING PERMIT: #2085-Belcher Oil Co.- 1 150,000BTU HOT WATER BOILER(REPLACEMENT)\$400-6-2-72

BUILDING PERMITS: #M8900350 - Beach A/C Service - 10ton A/C central - 1-23-89 *OK*

ELECTRICAL PERMITS: #E8900482 - Ocean Electric - A/C split 10ton unit - 1-26-89 *OK*

LOT 14-15 BLOCK 12 SUBDIVISION M.B. Imp. Co.O.F. ADDRESS 2925 Indian Creek Dr.

### ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS

**Building Permits:** #30160 - 4-9-87 - Owner - Fire Proof Existing - \$300.00

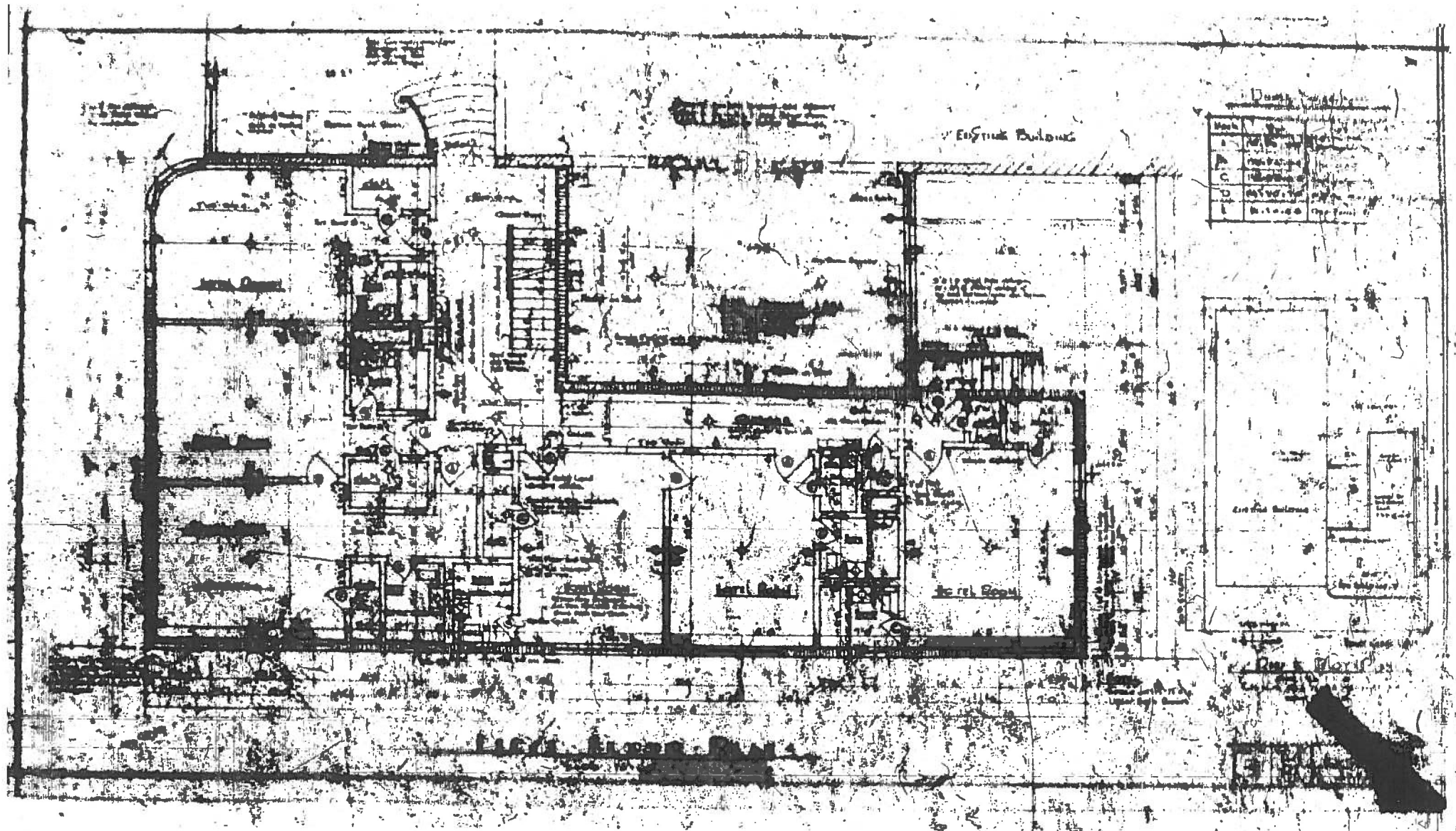
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**Plumbing Permits:**

#57835-S and R Plumbing- filter system-11-2-79  
#58278 S. & R. Plumbing 1 boiler gas line 3-20-80  
#59018 Peoples Gas System/1 gas meter set/11-20-80

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**Electrical Permits:**  
#72756 Caribben Electric- 10 bells, 10 pull, 1 master panel-11-18-75





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DESIGNED BY VERNE O. WILLIAMS MIAMI, FLA.



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