Following the applause for its first property in Los Angeles’ Koreatown, the Sydell Group’s new hotel, The Line DC, is located in the former First Church of Christ, Scientist in Washington DC’s northwestern neighbourhood of Adams Morgan.

New York studio INC Architecture & Design has been careful in preserving the bones of the Neoclassical Revival-style building by inserting into the 60-foot vaulted space five F&B outlets including a wood-fired restaurant, coffee bar and a live broadcast radio station.

This leads into a new addition which houses the hotel’s 220 rooms, each furnished with individually-sourced side tables, and books curated by local institution Idle Time Books, whilst the rooftop opens out over the Washington Monument and the Washington National Cathedral. Quirky ecclesiastical touches abound, not least pews used as public seating, and hymn boards sourced from around the world and repurposed as signs.