

**CRAIN'S NOTABLE WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN****CRAIN'S** 2020**NOTABLE**

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**Rachel Crowl***Co-founder and principal, fc Studio*

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Rachel Crowl co-founded with partner Julie Fisher (also featured in this issue) the architecture and design firm specializing in hospitality, commercial and luxury residential work. The pair has landed high-profile clients such as Levy Restaurant Group, Walt Disney World, Amazon, Chicago Cubs, Wyndham Hotel Group, Northwestern

University, University of Chicago and Steppenwolf. Current projects include an executive briefing center for Amazon Web Services in Seattle and hospitality venues for Disney. She was lead architect and designer for Maddon's Post in Wrigleyville and is overseeing the taproom design for Ravinia Brewing's Chicago location. Crowl guided the firm to receive certification as a Women-Owned Business Enterprise. She co-owns Folkart Restaurant Management with her husband, Matthias Merges, and has opened bars and restaurants under the hospitality group's name.