

LOCATION

New Haven, CT

OWNER

Northside Development Company

DELIVERY METHOD

Construction Manager

ARCHITECT

John A. Matthews Architecture

91 CHURCH STREET

From five & dime to Five Guys

Built in 1920 by SS Kresge Co. to house their five & dime store, this nationally registered historic Georgian Revival building is located in downtown New Haven at 91 Church Street. In 2007, the building was home to a retail space on the first floor and a ballroom above when it was ravaged by a fire that exposed the back of the building and forced its closure for several years. It was thereafter purchased by Northside Development, who brought Milestone on board to restore the historic structure and build out a Five Guys restaurant on the ground floor, along with four, high-end apartments above in 2015.

Challenged by a tight site footprint and downtown location, Milestone stored equipment and delivered materials as if we were working in Manhattan — strategically. Essentially renovating the building from the inside out, we converted the two-story building into three floors, installed the building's first elevator and established new utility connections on Church Street.

With building character and historic tax credits at stake, we adhered to exacting finish details, including careful restoration and replication of the original palladium windows and timber framing. High-end finishes in the apartments included granite counter tops, cherry cabinets, hardwood floors along with original exposed brick and exposed industrial duct work.

