

CASE STUDY



CLIENT

Uptown Developments

LOCATION

Flint, Michigan

PROJECT COST

Upon Request

PROJECT SIZE

6,150 SF

COMPLETION DATE

Spring 2009

PROJECT DELIVERY

Design Build

SNAPSHOT

FUNctional + FUNky = FUNomenal

Uptown Developments partnered with the Community Foundation of Greater Flint in a newly formed Community First, LLC to come up with plans for a new restaurant on the ground floor of the Community Foundation Building in downtown Flint. The design charge was to establish two restaurants, utilizing a shared kitchen, back of house and restroom facilities in the 6,150 SF of available ground floor space. The cuisine was to be "tapas," or small-plates style and the owners wanted a new FUNky vibe for the space. The design needed to be FUNctional for both the lunch crowd while adding extra pizzazz for the evening bar crowd as well. The design gave a nod to the building's 100+ year historic roots by leaving the exposed brick as the finished wall material and celebrating the original arch top windows fronting First Street. The corner restaurant concept definitely has a FUNomenal new modern feel with bamboo floors, a splash of color on the bulkhead above the bar and one rear accent wall, custom light fixtures throughout and local art that was commissioned specially for the new space.

The resulting floor plan allows the kitchen to service both the "tapas" style 501 Bar & Grill, as well as the adjacent Wize Guys Pizza and chopped salad concept in addition to serving as a full catering kitchen for out-of-facility events around town. A rear meeting room was designed for private luncheons and dinners and the two restaurants share bathroom facilities. FUNchitecture is pleased to continue contributing to the downtown revitalization efforts in the creation of this innovative and FUN new hot spot in Flint!