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ELABORATE COMMERCIAL SPACE



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- **Company:** 3six0 Architecture
- **Project Location:** 283 Summer Street, Boston, Massachusetts
- **Total Square Footage:** 8,900 sf
- **Completion Date:** February, 2008
- **Photographer:** John Horner Photography

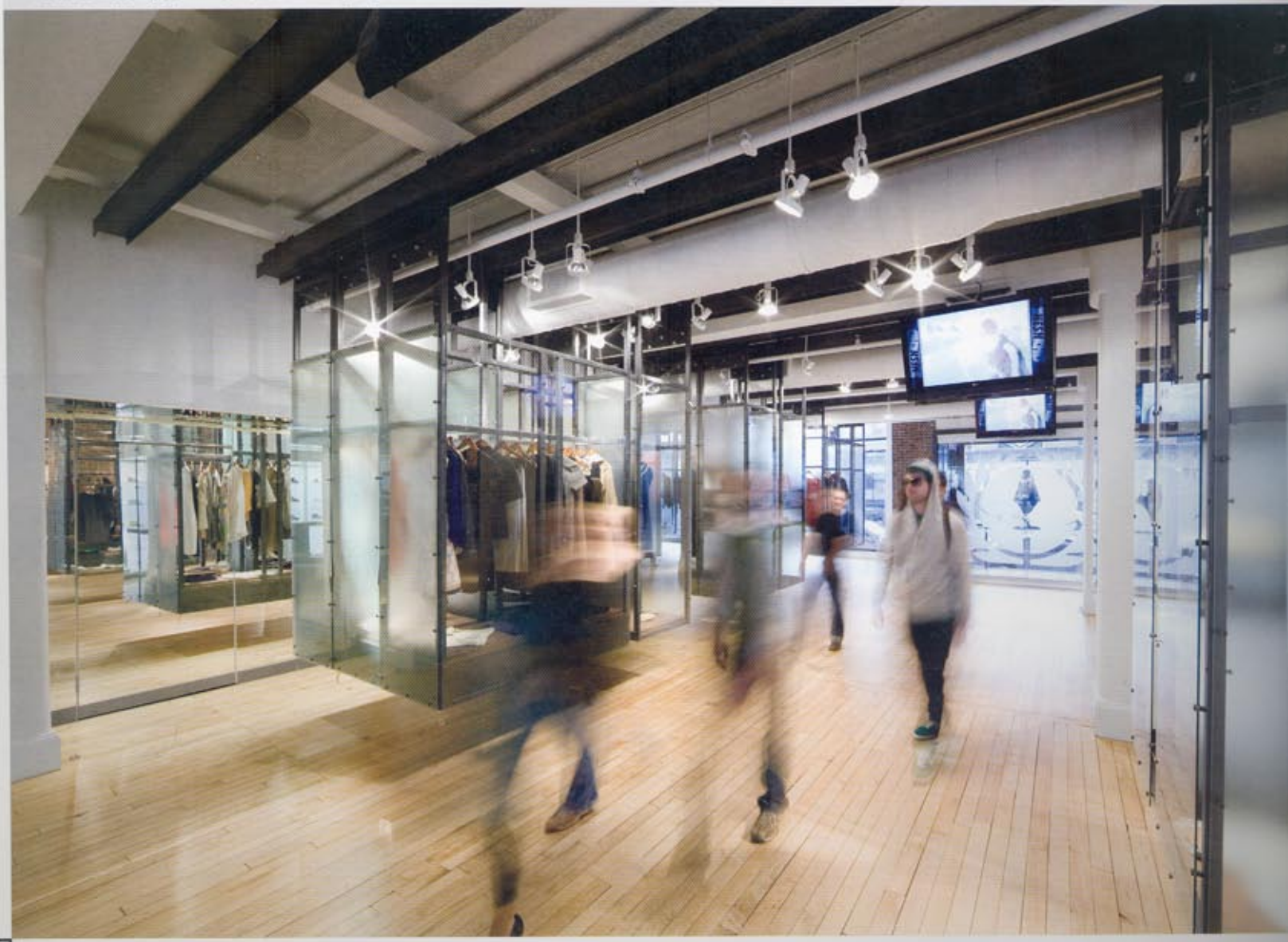


ACHILLES PROJECT

▀ The clients approached us with an outside-of-the-box concept: a store/restaurant/bar/gallery within a former warehouse space in Boston's Fort Point Channel District. This unconventional problem demanded an innovative solution: instead of compartmentalizing the different programs in the deep but narrow space, we developed a design solution which allowed the different activities to overlap. Inspired by the strength of the concrete and steel industrial shell, we designed a system of 28 glass/steel merchandise cases which ride on a series of steel rails mounted to the ceiling. Each floats above the ground and contains clothing that is visible through translucent sides – allowing for light to transmit from the storefront windows to the restaurant within. The cases roll

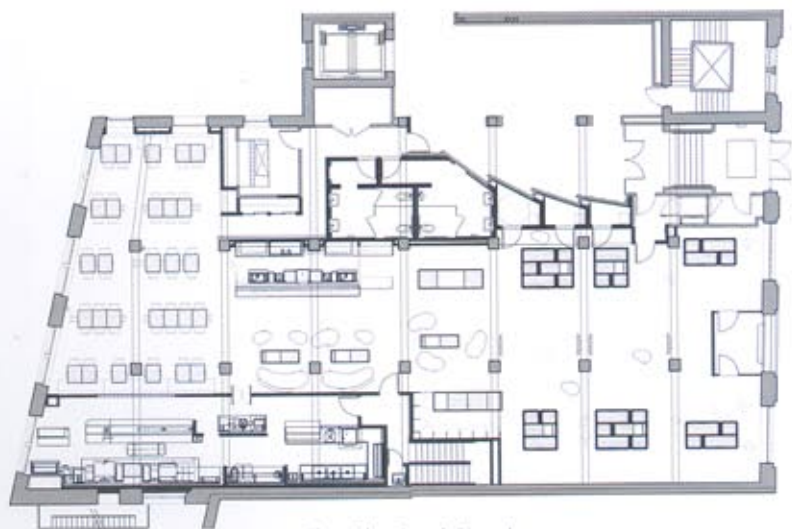
open during retail hours and agglomerate into clustered vaults at night; transforming space into an extension of the bar and lounge area beyond. The Chef needed flexibility in table sizes for his small/medium/large/extra-large. We recognized the challenge of grouping small tables into larger ones with the uneven existing floor and conceived of grouping the two-tops along rail supports—creating level tables that are sized to fit seating from 2–18 people. The overall result is an emphasis on simplicity in flexibility. ▴

Natural and modern space with timber floor and well-arranged glass closet.





Floor Plan-Retail Open



Floor Plan-Retail Closed





