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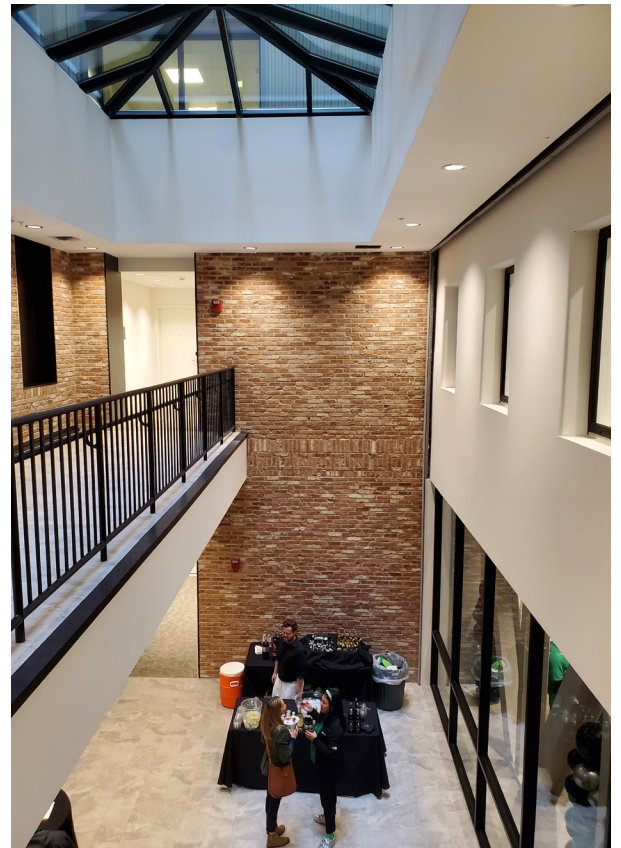
## 901 MARKET TOWER

Dever Architects Completes Another Successful Adaptive Reuse Project!  
Congratulations to The Westover Companies on this Iconic Project.



The “NEW” 901 Market Tower from corner of 9th St. and Market St.  
(Photo Courtesy: Dever Architects)

Dever Architects is very proud of the reputation we have earned over 38 years for our hospitality, restaurant, retail, apartment, automobile dealership, and especially for our adaptive reuse projects throughout the East Coast. This month, to celebrate last week’s ribbon-cutting, we are pleased to share news of the completion of our 901 Market Tower project in downtown, Wilmington, Delaware.



The new two-story atrium  
(Photo Courtesy: Dever Architects)

## HISTORY

As stated by the owner: “Previously known as “The Equitable Building,” “The Bank of Delaware,” and “Market Tower,” the building that sits on 901 North Market Street has a long and noteworthy history. Built as a six-story, masonry office building in 1892, it had Wilmington’s first elevator and was considered Wilmington’s first “skyscraper.” Eventually reaching nine stories in height due to floor additions in 1902 and 1958, the nineteenth century masonry building on the corner was joined by a 14-story steel framed high-rise tower in the 1950’s, again making it the tallest building in the city at 176 feet tall with 89,000 square feet of floor area. Unfortunately, construction work in 1958 removed the terracotta cornices and detailing from the original building when an effort was made to make both structures “modern”- a typical design approach at that time. When the Westover Companies purchased the property in 2017, the neglected, mostly vacant office tower was in need of repair and a new vision.



Previous Exterior from the 1980's Renovation

## ADAPTIVE REUSE

Together with the team at the Westover Companies and Wohlsen Construction, Dever Architects set out to adapt the tired building to a new use. The office building would become 82 apartments with prime ground floor commercial space. We always investigate the existing conditions before we begin projects like this and are often able to incorporate special features we find. Here, we discovered existing structural brick arches concealed behind walls and incorporated them into the apartment designs. We were able to reuse bank deposit boxes, mailboxes, cast iron columns/steelwork, and other historical features. We also used the old air shaft and an adjacent floor-high steel truss to create a two-story atrium in the center of the building and topped it with a massive skylight. Other building features include a roof deck, a fitness studio, a pet washing station and a community room with pool tables, game tables and places to sit and relax or eat with others.



Mayor Purzycki (center) is joined by The Westover Companies: President/CEO Gunti Weissenberger, VP David McManus, and Kelly Daniels, John Cyrus of Wohlsen Construction, and David Clemente of Dever Architects to cut the ribbon on 901 Market (Photo Courtesy: Lani Schweiger--Downtown Visions)



Reuse of structural brick arches bring great character to many of the apartments (Photo Courtesy: Dever Architects)

## MEET THE TEAM



Dever Architects' David Clemente, Jeff Ivins, and President Tom Dever enjoying the ribbon cutting ceremony with Gunti Weissenberger and Dave McManus of The Westover Companies. Along with, Mike Berardi and the whole Wohlson Construction team.

If you are considering a commercial building renovation or changing the use of an existing building, Dever Architects has the experience, expertise, focus on service, and temperament to be the Architecture firm you'll want to work with!

### IN OTHER NEWS...



Thank you, to each of you, we met at the end of January. It was a pleasure being at the Hotel, Motel, & Resturant show in Myrtle Beach!

### FOR MORE INFO

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## FROM OUR CLIENTS

We thank the Westover Companies for their further comments:

*"Today, 901 Market Tower is a lifestyle mixed-use community that offers a diverse collection of retail space and expertly crafted apartment homes."*

*"For those who appreciate inspired design layered upon rich history, those who believe character comes in many forms and the soul of a place can speak volumes, 901 Market Tower is the home for you."*

**Client:** The Westover Companies

**Architect:** Dever Architects

**General Contractor:** Wohlson Construction



Dever Architects' Project Manager David Clemente and Project Architect Jeff Ivins on the new tenth floor roof-top deck