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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

ARTIFACT COFFEE IS A 2000 SF CAFÉ LOCATED IN THE BOILER HOUSE OF THE HISTORIC UNION MILL BUILDING IN BALTIMORE'S HAMPDEN-WOODBERRY NEIGHBORHOOD. THE DESIGN ACCENTUATES THE HISTORIC BONES OF THE SPACE, INCLUDING STONE WALLS AND TIMBER DECKING, BEAMS AND TRUSSES. THE EXPOSED CONCRETE FLOOR IS STAINED EXCEPT IN THE SMALL LOUNGE AREA WHERE DISTRESSED HARDWOOD FLOORING IS USED.

THE CAFÉ'S OWNER FOUND AND REFURBISHED A VARIETY OF HISTORIC ARTIFACTS INCLUDING LIGHTS, CABINETS AND WAINSCOTING. CARE WAS TAKEN TO OPTIMIZE THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS WHO CAN BE SERVED THROUGH THE USE OF A LARGE REFURBISHED TABLE FOR GATHERING IN THE MAIN AREA AND FOLD-DOWN BARS WITHIN THE LOUNGE AREA. THE FOLD-DOWN BARS GIVE FLEXIBILITY TO USE THE LOUNGE SPACE AS A GATHERING SPACE OR AS A SIMPLE SPACE FOR RELAXING AND USING LAPTOPS.

OUTSIDE THE CAFÉ IS ONE OF UNION MILL'S UNIQUE FEATURES, A LARGE URBAN COURTYARD WITH AN OUTDOOR SEATING AREA PROVIDED FOR ARTIFACT COFFEE CUSTOMERS.

