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Silo Studios Complete

80,000-square-foot, adaptive reuse, office, and retail space opens



Dowdle Construction Group announces the completion of Silo Studios, an 80,000-square-foot office, retail, and restaurant complex converted from an old lumber mill. Located in the The Nations in West Nashville, it is one of the highlights of the almost-38-acre mixed-use development known as Silo Bend.

Amenities include ample parking, an outdoor courtyard with a performance stage, small gathering spaces, a dining terrace, and sitting steps. The owner and developer, Charleston, S.C.-based Flyway, partnered with Dowdle to complete the construction as well as with architects from Southeast Venture Design.

"Southeast Venture Design and Dowdle did a phenomenal job designing and building this project. They were true partners and listened to our every request," says Flyway founder and president Lindsay Nevin. "We think Silo Studios will be a popular attraction for Nations residents and all of Nashville. It's a true community space."

The building's structure is unique in that it's one of the largest remaining bow truss structures in Nashville. Adele's in the Gulch, though a much smaller building, also has this specific structure. To keep the building's industrial charm, it was important to Flyway to not only maintain the original structure, but also to incorporate as much of the existing design elements as possible, including the original tongue-and-groove hardwood flooring and some of the lumber.

"We were ultimately able to save and restore enough of the original flooring to cover the main lobby, and the focal point when you walk in is a piece of the lumber mill machinery," says Glynn Dowdle, president and principal of Dowdle Construction Group. "The building was in pretty bad shape when we started, so to complete a complex project like this successfully, it took everyone—the owner, designer, engineer, and contractor—working together as a team. We're thrilled with the result."

Southeast Venture Design Project Architect Nathan Narwold adds, "I'm most excited to see what the next generation of this building entails, and see the value it will ultimately bring to the Silo Bend development and surrounding community."

Flyway

Flyway is involved in numerous aspects of the construction and real estate industry and focuses on sustainable design models within urban growth corridors. The company offers a range of services from development, commercial and residential construction, real estate acquisition, and property management services. Flyway understands the needs of diverse and ever-changing urban markets and capitalizes on its ability to self-manage a unique portfolio of real estate assets.

Southeast Venture Design

Southeast Venture Design is a full-service design company guided by a mission of "Building Value by Valuing Relationships." Their experience in working with real estate brokers and developers has allowed the team to build a thorough market understanding and provide a unique, comprehensive design solution for each client's needs.

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Dowdle Construction Group is a Nashville-based general contractor specializing in both public and private sector commercial construction. For more than 30 years, Dowdle has built a reputation for conducting business with integrity, honesty, and a commitment to communicating and working through the details. Dowdle's collaborative projects have been recognized for their excellence by the Urban Land Institute Nashville, the Historical Commission of Metropolitan Nashville, the American Institute of Architects local chapter and other industry organizations.