



CITTA 50
1450 Church Street, NW
Washington, DC
35,000 square feet

Multi-Family Residential
14th Street Historic District
Arts Overlay District
Board of Zoning Adjustment

Citta 50 is a 27-unit loft style residential building which combines an existing historic coal distribution facility designed by the prominent African American architect John A. Lankford. The restored historic building, and its surrounding 7-story addition, is articulated as a series of compatible yet distinct volumes appearing to be built over time. Designed to respect the varied rhythm of the surrounding industrial era streetscape, the building allows for maximum views and open spaces on its north, south, and west exposures. An efficient arrangement of “interlocking” fire stairs and elevator serve 4 units per level, along with duplex units at the top 2 floors. As one approaches the building, an open courtyard behind a steel and wood entry gate bridges the old and new building elements and establishes a transition from the street. At the roof, a penthouse sheathed in backlit blue polycarbonate panels will create an identity that will be seen across the city.