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Project Team

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The design of this a six-storey, zero-lot-line building maximizes use of the slight, 3,000 s.f. lot, serving as a viable prototype for small urban infill sites that might otherwise go underutilized.

Spatially efficient, the mixed-use building offers retail at grade, office space on the second floor and, above this, 10 south-facing, two-level loft-style residential suites (many with decks) with access corridors on alternate floors only, further maximizing use of the site. The contemporary loft aesthetic is achieved with a material palette of glass, aluminum and steel. Floor-to-ceiling windows offer tremendous daylight exposure, generous views of the city and total transparency, while efficient mechanical systems contribute to the fiscal and environmental sustainability of this unique urban contribution. Four separate staircases provide access to the roof and give the building a modern, crenellated top with dramatic sloping forms that appear to salute the sky.

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