

# Karl Building & MadCap Coffee

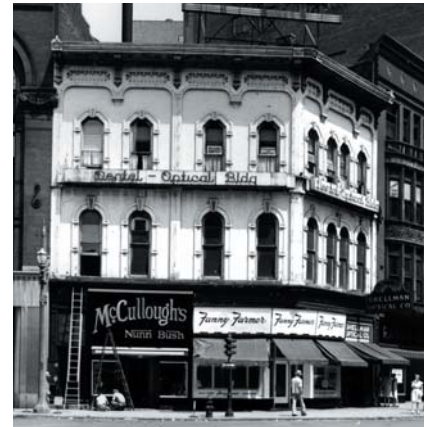
Grand Rapids, Michigan

## data

- historical renovation
- completed: Spring 2007
- renovated area: 59 lineal feet of facade
- general contractor: Fryling Construction
- current tenant: MadCap Coffee
- interior design: Tom Roeters



southwest elevation - after



southwest elevation - 1930's



southwest elevation - before

## summary

In 2006, the owner of the Karl Building approached AMDG with an opportunity to renovate the store front of this historic 19th century building. Partial renovations during the mid-20th century had obscured most of the building's grand turn-of-the-century store front. Working closely with the building owner and the city historic preservation commission, AMDG and Fryling Construction developed a design including durable, modern materials which complement the form and detail of the traditional facade while preserving the historic character of the surrounding buildings. Near daily communication between AMDG, Fryling, and JDH Engineering during construction allowed many of the unanticipated conditions related to the age of the building to be addressed and resolved quickly.

Clean lines, lofty ceilings, and soft lighting are punctuated by stainless steel appliances atop a custom poured concrete bar. Floor to ceiling storefront windows flood the interior with natural light during the day, and cast a warm glow outside after dark. The result of these combined elements is a stunning, welcoming space that invites passersby to visit, rest, and refresh.

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