



The Read Building

Berkeley, California 2008

description Mixed-Use - Retail / Office / Private Residence
size 19,500SF

This new building contains a hybrid program of uses, both public and private. The ground floor provides for five retail spaces along Fourth Street to the west and the owner's private car museum opening onto a landscaped entry/parking court to the east. The second floor contains offices for Read Investments, as well as spec office space which allows for future expansion of Read Investments. The third floor is home to The Read Family Foundation and provides space for dining and entertaining, including two large roof terraces and a small gym.

The building stands as a quiet yet commanding presence in this changing mixed use neighborhood. With its 17 foot tall floor to floor dimensions it has the kind of scale and proportions which one associates with civic buildings from the past. We were given license to explore a level of design unusual in today's building environment and the building is rich with careful details rendered with high quality materials.

This project is Phase One of a larger master plan for the entire block.

