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Distinguished for creating architecture, interior design, master planning, product design and graphic design that offer unique, contextual solutions to clients' needs, Roger Ferris + Partners, an architecture firm founded in 1986, recently faced an atypical yet familiar challenge: expanding its own office in Westport, Connecticut. Its new, two-story, 12,000-square-foot facility excels not only as a functional space, but also as a sensitive adaptation of the 19th-century tannery building along the Saugatuck River that houses it. Since the original brick-clad, wood column-and-beam structure and the glass enclosed

addition constructed in the early 1980s on the east or riverside façade—separated by long corridors on both levels—are clearly the offspring of different times and techniques, the new environment exposes their differences to heighten the contrast and drama. The lower level features the architecture studio and studio conference room in the tannery portion, articulated in exposed brick walls and exposed wood structure, along with partners' offices and administrative functions in the addition, sheathed in glass walls and finished in glass walls and finished ceilings. On the upper level, which serves as the main



Top: Reception.
Above: Architecture studio.
Left: Private office.
Opposite: Corridor.
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