



## Cuartel de Bomberos

San Felipe, Panamá, Republic of Panamá 2010

The structure was originally built in 1923 as a Fire Station for San Felipe, the historic center of Panamá. The Cuartel (or barracks) structure was located by the old municipal port and built into the base of the historic (c. 1670) defensive wall of the City. Over time newer buildings encroached on the structure. Recently the municipal pier was relocated and the neighboring market and encroaching buildings demolished to make way for a new plaza and underground parking structure serving the Old City. OPA designed the rehabilitation of the Cuartel de Bomberos as a restaurant with a lower entry from the new plaza and an upper entry from the streets atop the wall.

Internal stairs are located in an open space that allows patrons to experience the full height and materiality of the old defensive wall in close proximity. A new roof deck will provide sweeping views of the newer sections of the city.



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