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VITO'S GOURMET DELI MARKET RESTAURANT

Key Center, Buffalo, New York

Hamilton Houston Lownie Architects designed this prototypical "NY deli" style restaurant for Delaware North Companies, one of the world's largest food service companies, at the ground level of their World Headquarters. Except for the local arena and airport, this was the first local restaurant for this Buffalo-based company. The "Vito's" label is now employed in airports and other facilities they operate across the country.

The space is open to an exterior fountain/skating rink, and has interior and exterior dining provided. The design is minimalist, and includes an eclectic collection of tables & chairs, natural wood grid ceilings with spot lights over the food preparation areas, and tall exposed ceilings with paddle fans over the dining areas.

The food line uniquely represents the three (3) distinct services provided: Grille & Sandwiches, Salads, and Coffee/Dessert. This downtown restaurant is frequented by the thousands of downtown office workers, and is routinely "standing room only" during lunch time.

Project Size: 4,620 s.f.

Project Cost: \$950,000

Complete: 2003

Client: Delaware North Companies

Reference: Roy Olsen

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