

West End Square 50  
Washington, DC

**PRACTICE AREA**

Multifamily, Mixed Use

**CLIENT**

Eastbanc

**STATUS**

Complete June 2017

**LEED**

Certified LEED Silver



**SERVICES**

Architecture

**AWARDS**

- AIA DC Merit Award in Architecture
- NAIOP DC MD Award of Excellence, Multi-Family
- Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc (ABC) Award of Excellence, Mixed-Use
- Engineering News-Record MidAtlantic Region's Award of Merit, Office/Retail/Mixed-Use



**PROGRAM**

96,810-sf mixed-use development. Includes a new 19,085-sf DC fire station, commercial space for a 21,658-sf squash club, a 55,226-sf residential tower with 61 affordable dwelling units, and one level of below-grade parking for 24 vehicles.

**DESCRIPTION**

Eastbanc was selected by the DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development to develop two parcels, Squares 37 and 50, owned by the City. WDG Architecture is the Executive Architect and Architect of Record for both parcels. Square 50 is a mixed use building that includes a new West End fire station, a commercial space intended for competitive squash tournaments, and 52 affordable dwelling units.

The West End fire station is proudly pronounced as the base of the building on M Street with a perforated corrugated metal-clad red box of the Apparatus Bay. The use of materials of metal, glass and masonry convey the agility of the 21st century DCFEMS to be effective in its ultimate purpose; the "prompt response for the protection of life and property."

Above the Engine Company is a rectangular volume encompassing a two-story Squash Club that recedes on M street and cantilevers on 23rd street. By pulling back the mass of the squash club on M Street, a public terrace is created providing a framed view of M street and enlivening the existing street activity.

The project received approval from the Commission of Fine Arts. WDG is executive architect in collaboration with design architect Ten Arquitectos.