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## Adaptation: The Lives of a Firehouse



If one believes in reincarnation, one could say that condominium buildings in New York could benefit greatly from past life regression. The adaptive reuse of factories, churches, stores and warehouses has made residential living in the city a veritable study in New York social and economic history. A certain firehouse on downtown Brooklyn's Dean Street is no exception, as renovated by New York-based architect <a href="Mark Gould (MGA)">Mark Gould (MGA)</a>.



Gould has paid homage to this little red brick firehouse by rebuilding it as a seven-story condo building. He added two stories; and laid split-level floors from front to rear to create private entries to each unit. In order to maximize integration between new and old structure, Gould utilized terraces at setbacks, yards, and roofs, and designed cutout floors that invite light to spill into the interiors.

Dalmations come separately.

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