

1199 SEIU - CASE STUDY





Located in the heart of East Manhattan, the new headquarters of the 1199SEIU building recently completed an exciting renovation. SAS was honored to provide custom ceiling elements for the meeting rooms of the main building and the circulation spaces to help both the architect and contractor realize their vision for the project.

The overall aim of the project was to make it feel more like a museum than an office building – a space that celebrates the history and tenants of the 1199SEIU building.

The custom, curved barrel vault ceilings were designed to resonate with the overall feel of the building to symbolize the resilience of the union. Each barrel vault features an ultra-discreet perforation to encourage better acoustic performance.





The renovation project was undertaken by renowned architectural practice Adjaye Associates, established in 2002 by Sir David Adjaye OBE. Their most well-known commission to date is the Smithsonian National Museum of African American history and culture, which opened in 2016 in Washington D.C.

“In terms of complexity, it was more about designing all the parts to ensure they worked together seamlessly that was the challenge. The radius, size of the panels, details and suspension were all custom made, but we had the technology, ability, design and engineering capacity to fulfil the brief.”

- Paul Aubrey, Divisional Director-North America, SAS International

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Project Information

<i>Client:</i>	1199 SEIU
<i>Architect:</i>	Adjaye Associates
<i>Location:</i>	498 Seventh Avenue New York, NY
<i>General Contractor:</i>	JRM Construction Management
<i>System Type:</i>	Architectural Metalwork
<i>Completed:</i>	2020

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