

MOMENTUM PLACE

Dallas, Texas

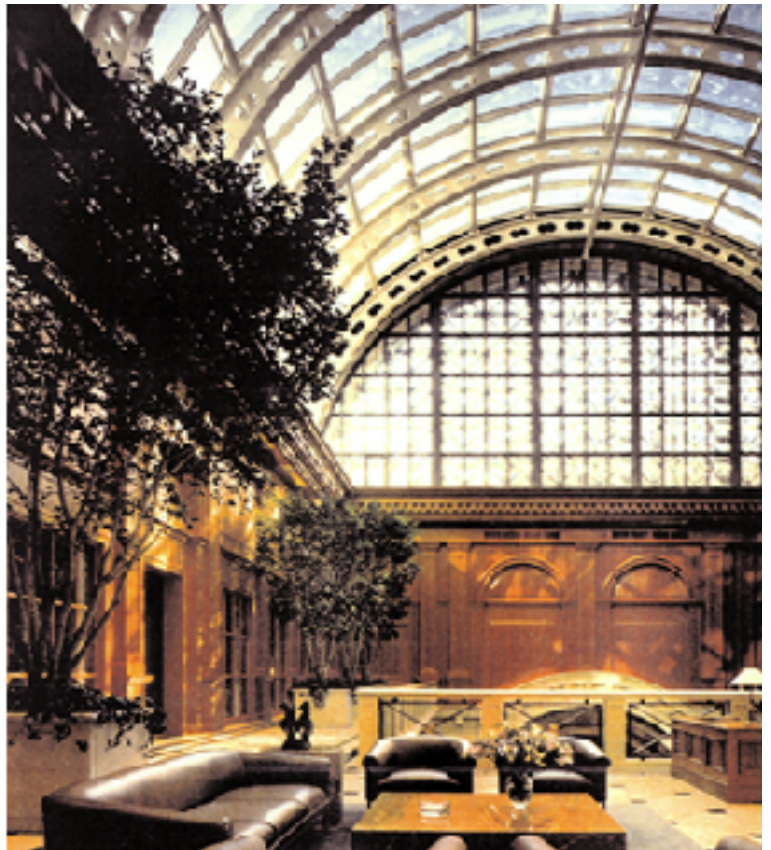
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This 1.5 million square foot building occupies a full city block in downtown Dallas, a block from Thanksgiving Square. As the headquarters for Bank One Texas and several major law firms, the project combines the low banking hall with the tall office tower by way of a distinct roof shape — immense inset barrel vault — to give the small building importance and an identity at the street level. At the same time, a connection is forged between the barrel vault and the tower, hundreds of feet above.

Both high and low sections are sited as long rectangles parallel to each other but interwoven visually through intersecting axes and cross axes at three levels. The barrel vault of the banking hall is placed across its width, perpendicular to the tower, but echoed in its elevation. The sections are further interwoven through the use of materials. Pink granite sheaths the banking hall and corners of the tower, while the sheer glass of the bank's skylight covered vault is carried up the center of each tower elevation and across the half-vaults at the setbacks. The cross-vault roof of the tower is clad in copper.

The low bank building is approached from its raised and landscaped front lawn and entered through a 63-foot-high granite arch, scaled as an entry for the 800-foot-high tower. The door leads to a marble-paved, 70-foot walkway that bridges through the, six-level skylit atrium of the bank to the tower lobby, looking down onto the trading floor below.



Completion Date: 1987

Area: 1,500,000 square feet

Associate Architect: Harwood K. Smith
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