

# Award of Merit

Heritage Toronto extends best wishes and congratulations to

# Cityscape Holdings Inc. & Dundee Realty Corporation

for the adaptive reuse and conservation of

## The Stone Distillery

The quality of life of all Torontonians is enriched through an appreciation and awareness of our heritage.

Mayor David Miller

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Executive Director

Board Chair



## Architectural Conservation and Craftsmanship Category

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The Stone Distillery, 55 Mill Street

Commissioned by: Cityscape Holdings Inc. & Dundee Realty Corp. Architect: E.R.A. Architects Inc. Crafts Persons/Contractors: Dalton Engineering & Construction Ltd.; Historic Restoration Inc.



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The Stone Distillery, erected in 1859-61, is the oldest and largest building in the Distillery Heritage District. This industrial building's multi-storey construction, high ceilings and many windows made it suitable for adaptive reuse as retail and office space. While the upgrading of services and code requirements presented significant challenges, many of the original elements of the structure, including walls, floors, roof and artifacts, were painstakingly retained.

#### Jury's Comments

The jury remarked that this building is historically significant because of its age and history as part of the Gooderham and Worts Distillery complex. Due to its size - the largest on the Distillery site - the project was a very difficult adaptive reuse of an industrial building to public and commercial space. The jury felt that the internal adaptation of the complex volume and interconnecting floor spaces of the building was well done. They also commended the quality of craftsmanship involved in the masonry, window and door repairs. Other elements, such as the retention of artifacts from the building's industrial past, and the rebuilding of the chimney using salvaged materials, enhance the character and interpretation of the building and the nationally recognized Distillery District.