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## **Stark completes preservation of the 17-story building at 750 Main St.**

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The Stark Building, 750 Main Street - Hartford, CT

Hartford, CT Adam Stark is proud to give 750 Main St. his moniker one year after purchasing The Stark Building. “Transforming this classic into a modern premium office building right in the center of Hartford’s renaissance has been truly exciting,” he said.

The 17-story, brick-and-limestone building at 750 Main St. was constructed by the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co. in 1921. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the oldest high-rise commercial building in downtown. Located on a prominent corner location across from the Old State House, the building features two and three-story windowed arches and is capped with a superstructure designed to resemble a pedimented Roman temple. Architects for the Hartford Trust Building were Morris & O’Connor.

Stark said he and his team have worked painstakingly to preserve the character of this building while bringing it up to 21st century standards. “We wanted to celebrate the building’s Old World charm by preserving the magnificent architectural features and reintroducing a formal doorman to greet our tenants in order to make the experience of entering the building unique and special,” he said.

Significant upgrades to enhance the beauty and energy efficiency of the building include: a newly remodeled lobby, LED lighting throughout the building, upgraded elevators, HVAC and plumbing systems, artwork displays throughout and in all common areas, and a unique fiber optic backbone that can give tenants access to managed phone and internet systems integrated into their leases.

At a recent grand reopening, this antique high rise regained its rightful place in the city’s night skyline when the new computerized lighting system was activated for the first time by honored guest, mayor Luke Bronin. The lighting system is similar to ones that have recently been installed by many iconic skyscrapers around the globe.

Doris Sugarman, executive director of the Connecticut Forum, has been a tenant for 15 years and is thrilled to see the dramatic positive changes. “I am truly excited this building now has an attentive local owner/property manager whose commitment to and investment in Hartford is so apparent.

Over the past year, we have seen the building transform into Class A space. All the upgrades coupled with the central downtown address and especially beautiful views, makes The Stark Building the perfect home for The Connecticut Forum,” she said.

As the co-founder of a fast growing tech company, Peter Corrao, president and executive chairman of TakeOut7 Inc., was impressed with the management and conscientious ownership.

“Technology associates are in high demand in this economy,” Corrao said. “I needed to be in the best location with the nicest space to recruit and retain top talent and I found that at The Stark Building.” Corrao signed a lease with plans to expand over time.

Stark said he is thrilled with the reception he has received in Hartford. “We are renewing and extending many leases and welcoming new clients in at a rapid pace. In our first year, we have had more than 43,000 s/f of signed and/or renewed leases and have welcomed significant new clients including TakeOut7, Wolf, Horowitz & Etlinger LLC, The Hayber Law Firm, and more. These companies share our excitement about being at the center of the vibrant new energy that has taken hold of this historic city.”

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