



## **Shawmut Design and Construction completes Moose Knuckles flagship build-out**

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Manhattan, NY Shawmut Design and Construction has completed the first U.S. flagship store for Canadian outerwear retailer Moose Knuckles. Located at 57 Greene St. in SoHo's Cast Iron Historic District, the space comprises 7,000 s/f across two floors, including a sub-level VIP room.

Shawmut renovated and fit out the space—designed by O'Neil Langan Architects—within the span of 12 weeks. The two firms worked closely with Moose Knuckles to create an environment that integrates high-end interiors with advanced technologies.

The new retail space, which opened its doors on November 7th, offers a unique shopping experience that translates the brand's ethos to reality, introducing it in a new way to the U.S. market.

"To drive traffic, retailers have to foster a sense of discovery that extends beyond basic transactional purchases," says David Margolius, vice president of retail at Shawmut. "Moose Knuckles' SoHo store embodies this concept, using every inch of space to create a brand touchpoint. The team leveraged our extensive network of artisans to align with the brand's vision, exemplified in the product display cases that also double as artwork."

Shawmut brought the store to life through work on features including end-grain wood floor tiling, track and recessed lighting, freestanding and in-wall glass casework, and metal hangbars suspended by leather straps. Focal points include Blue Bahia Marble Vitrine display cases, a snow-white terrazzo floor, and mirror ceilings.

Shawmut preserved two elements of the preexisting space—the cast-iron columns and marble staircase—cleaning and sealing the columns and refreshing the staircase handrails and stringer with a black satin finish.

The shopping experience is enhanced with multi-level screen displays, one which livestreams the Northern Lights—Shawmut oversaw the installation of an LED wall measuring 20' wide and 15' high and another wall with two rows of five 65" screens. The unique fitting rooms have a one-click privacy setting, which changes the see-through glass to fogged. A VIP room hidden in the basement creates a mellow and cool ambiance for guests to relax.

In addition, the store boasts a two-story kinetic feature that encompasses a running train model, moving gears, a miniature replica of Drake on Toronto's CN Tower, and a dumbwaiter that

transports Moose Knuckle coats from the lower level to the main floor.

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