

# 100 MOUNT PODIUM INTRODUCTION

In order to open up the corner of Walker and Mount Streets and allow more light penetration into Mount Street the building has been raised five stories in the air with the first commercial floor starting where usually the podium would finish. This big open space lightens the base of the tower and gives 'breathing' space to the adjacent heritage Firehouse Hotel. Two new retail pods promote street activation with the lobby forming a glass box in between. The two storey glass box that defines the retail on the corner of Mount Street and Walker Street is setback from the boundary by approximately 4m, increasing the footpath dimension here to almost 8m. This allows for an external dining area along the street that will activate Walker Street and increase the footpath dimension at this very busy pedestrian intersection. This setback also helps to reveal the heritage listed eastern face of the adjoining Firehouse Hotel across Spring Street. Thus the setbacks on the ground plane allow the Firehouse Hotel to read as an important heritage object within the evolving context of the North Sydney CBD environment.



View from inside the lobby



Birds eye view of inverted podium



View of retail space at the corner of Mount and Walker streets



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