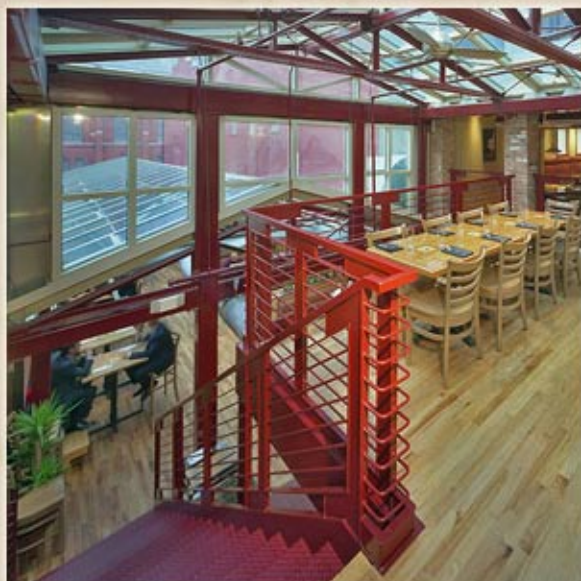


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Renovations are complete at **matchbox** restaurant in the Chinatown neighborhood of Washington, D.C. GTM Architects of Bethesda, Maryland — the designer of the original restaurant space in its narrow building — facilitated the design process in the two newly acquired buildings: a three-story woodframe building for a new kitchen, management offices, and additional dining, and a one-story steel-and-glass greenhouse for a large dining area. Several common design elements from the first phase of work helped tie together the different types of rooms and spaces into a cohesive whole, with the booths, custom metal railings, and custom **matchbox**-covered tabletops carrying the theme throughout the multiple levels. Outside is a new outdoor dining patio with decorative metal gates.