

UPTOWN 240, DILLON, COLORADO

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Uptown 240 is a multifamily residential/mixed use building located on a prominent corner in downtown Dillon. The design strives to create an iconic “Jewel Building” that activates its surroundings and brings light and life to the neighborhood.

Precedents for the architecture include historic mountain buildings such as mining structures and frontier homes, as well as historic main street town patterns, such as repeating false fronted shops and vertical mixed use buildings with retail at ground level and dwelling units above.

The building also seeks to hold the street edge along Lake Dillon Drive by opening up active zones at the ground floor (Mixed Use – restaurant or retail), and also holds a strong base of stone along Buffalo Street. The ground floor has a tall floor to floor height, and storefront windows and doors are recessed to create usable outdoor spaces at the public level. Awnings constructed with heavy timbers and columns cover these spaces, and the main entry is on the most prominent corner.

Building massing is divided into a clear BASE (mixed use glass with awnings, and stone base down to grade), MIDDLE (residential levels with regular horizontal patios and window rhythm), and TOP (flat roof parapet with featured roof elements). Structural elements are expressed in the roof – exposed wood beams support featured roof overhang elements. Materials vary from stone to wood siding to metal siding to painted lap siding. All material changes occur at plane changes and fully round corners. The panelized nature of material fields echoes historic patterns of false fronted main streets in a typical Colorado mountain town.