

# TEXAS ARCHITECT





# Schlotszky's

**ARCHITECTURE** Collaborating on the design of a sandwich shop and the national training center for Schlotszky's sandwich chain, John Nyfeler and Sinclair Black have designed a new destination for downtown Austin and Barton Springs commuters. Located on South Lamar near Barton Springs Road, the new shop adds Bread Alone baked goods to the familiar Schlotszky's sandwich and deli formula. Included in the project is the national training center for the restaurant chain, responding to the inevitable growing pains of an

emerging business with aggressive expansion plans. Rebuilding a vacant grocery store building formerly operating as Fresh Plus, an independent grocery chain, the new restaurant adds a central collonade and skylight that separates the sandwich shop from the bakery. New exterior work locates the new entrances, and is similar in vocabulary and detailing to designs completed for Central Market by Black and Vernooy (see *TA*, July/August 1995). New designs add limestone-block slabs and bracketed trellises to a predominantly horizontal original brick and metal storefront structure. The airy and open interior is the result of the addition of the skylight to the open-web joist ceiling construction and the generously-spaced columns of the original structure. According to architect Nyfeler, it was important to retain the original structure in order to accommodate the dense building program within the zoning regulations—only a much smaller building could have been constructed new. The macarons are worth the trip. **VPH**



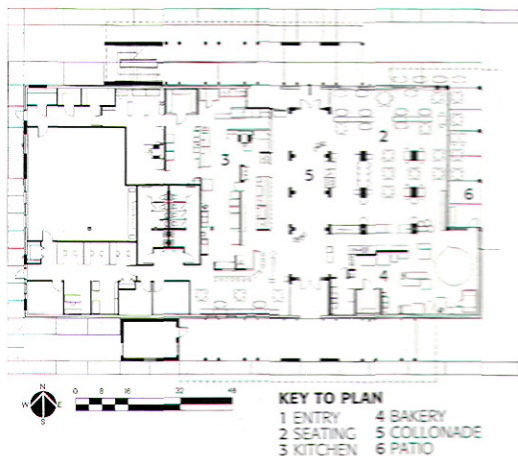
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1 Austin architects John Nyfeler and Sinclair Black collaborated on the design of a new Schlotszky's franchise and the restaurant's national training center.

2 A central collonade separates the dining area from the kitchen and order counter at the south Austin deli.



**PROJECT** Schlotszky's Deli, Austin  
**CLIENT** Schlotszky's, Inc., Austin  
**ARCHITECT OF RECORD** The Nyfeler Organization, Inc., Architecture and Allied Services, Austin (John Nyfeler, principal; Luis Duron, project manager; Janet L. Howard, project architect; Jaiy Braulick, CADD services)  
**DESIGN ARCHITECT** Sinclair Black and Andrew Vernooy, Austin  
**CONTRACTOR** Flynn Construction, Inc.  
**CONSULTANTS** Quinn-Nodler Design, Inc. (interior design); Howell Engineers, Inc. (civil engineering); The Howell Company (site development planning); John B. Buford (structural engineering); Jerry Fleming (mechanical and electrical engineering); Lat Engineering (roofing consultant); Austin Permit Service, Inc. (life safety, code, and permitting consulting)  
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