# **About Stone Creek Construction Group**

Stone Creek Construction Group (SCCG) was founded to provide our clients with a highly efficient project delivery process. Through experience, innovations, and resources SCCG creates a cohesive team environment proficient at achieving project success. Our work covers the mid-Atlantic region with a diverse portfolio of markets.

## **Our Approach**

Guided by our UNIFIED BUILD methodology projects begin with a thorough understanding of the project scope requirements, and best project delivery methods. This approach is a continuous evaluation in a collaborative environment with the client, design team, and key stakeholders.

Early on a customized project plan, including design and construction deliverables, are outlined and closely monitored. As the single resource, we provide consistent and transparent communications with all involved parties from owners to sub-contractors. This streamlined approach increase effectiveness and financial clarity while reducing timeline delays. From project concept through project completion, UNIFIED BUILD delivers predictable, high-quality projects to our clients.

### **Industries**

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Pharma & Life Sciences

Semiconductor & Technology

Sciences & Healthcare

Industrial & Manufacturing

Mixed-Use

Retail & Hospitality

Corporate

Educational

Automotive





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# 1776 by David Burke featuring Topgolf Swing Suites

Morristown, New Jersey



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Stone Creek Construction Group delivered high-end, celebrity-chef restaurant 1776 by David Burke in the fall of 2021. The 12,000 square foot space resides within an office building in the heart of Morristown, New Jersey, and also features a bar, private event spaces, and six Topgolf Swing Suites.

The existing building required extensive renovation to go from "inactive to active and dynamic," said Robert Blaser, principal architect with Michael Graves Architecture & Design, and project designer. The overall program was about creating an experience, a place to which visitors would want to return again and again to explore in different ways.

Only a few months after opening the restaurant began receiving awards for both its physical appearance and food, including ULI Northern New Jersey's Excellence Awards for Best Indoor/Outdoor Design, and one of the Best New Restaurants of 2021 by New Jersey Monthly.

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#### **Early Integration with Pre-Con Team**

A critical first step in being able to deliver the project in under a year and within budget was SCCG coming on board during pre-construction and working closely with Blaser's team. Being brought in early and having the ability to provide feedback, input, and ideas to the design team gave life to a realistic timeline and reduced the chance for change orders and halts when work was in process.

In addition to the immersive pre-con work, the ability to communicate the design intention to SCCG was made easier because Shelby Gasek, SCCG's vice president, has a background in architecture. "Shelby was great to work with. If there was an issue, he came to us with a solution or a recommendation," Blaser said. "He looked at things in terms of aesthetics, cost, and feasibility."

The project required upgraded power, plumbing, mechanical, and general technology to accommodate a high-performance kitchen as well as the 15-feet wide by 10-feet deep golf suites. Because the restaurant was part of a larger office building, its systems would be operating at different times and therefore needed to be separate from the rest of the building. The designers and builders coordinated with the landlord and their structural engineer to integrate the work with existing plumbing and power systems.

When it came to the swing suites, one challenge was where to put the technology. Blaser worked closely with SCCG to access space in the building's basement to design and develop a data room. When faced with the challenge of adding a wine locker within a tasting room, SCCG sorted out the change during the construction phase without difficulty. "As we added new and more experiences, Stone Creek understood our efforts and was a great partner," Blaser said.



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Owner, 1776 by David Burke





#### The Unified Build Process

With 45 years of combined industry experience, Gasek and partner Mike Bruno, president of SCCG, have honed the proprietary Unified Build process. As a boutique firm, they feel the executive members of the company need to be involved in all aspects of a project to have the most successful outcome.

As general contractor, the principals work with architects, designers, developers, engineers, outside vendors, and end users. Unified Build is the company's foundational belief in transparency and having strong relationships with experienced and capable building partners, organizing, collaborating, and communicating with all key players so everyone is on the same page. The methodology enables SCCG to get in front of challenges, reducing lost time and additional costs.

Unified Build in action for the 1776 by David Burke project meant SCCG had to minimize the impact of the work on the building and its tenants. The team kept open lines of communication with the owner and building management team to coordinate activities on site, working off hours, nights, and weekends.



### **Focus On Being Solution Minded**

To deal with the challenges of regional supply chain issues SCCG identified long lead times to mitigate delayed materials and supplies, and value-engineered when needed. In one example, during construction SCCG redesigned portions of the main bar and revised the millwork scope to stay as close to the client's budget as possible and still capture the architect's design intent.

David Vorcheimer, owner of 1776 by David Burke, appreciated SCCG's process. Referring to the millwork, he said, "Stone Creek value-engineered and found other solutions. They came up with a better look for substantially less money." Vorcheimer added SCCG got the job done "sooner than most people thought it could be done. Stone Creek pushed their crew but didn't push them over the edge. Just enough to retain the quality and get it done right."

The restaurant is full of light with seven large bays that open to the outside. They bring in natural light as well as connect the indoor space to the outdoor patio (developed separately by the building owner). The interior is a true destination and the project has helped activate the entire corner in the city. As with all their projects, SCCG continues to work with the client to make sure the site is being used the way they envisioned and is meeting their needs. Said Vorcheimer, "I've already referred Stone Creek to others. They're honest, straightforward and I like their process."





