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## SPACE Wins 5th AIA Award for Pi Pizzeria at the Mercantile Exchange

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**St. Louis, MO -- September 21, 2012** – Last night SPACE Architectural Design Studio got their piece of the pie by bringing home its fifth American Institute of Architects Award, this time an Award of Merit for their design of the stunning Pi Pizzeria at the Mercantile Exchange Building (the "MX") downtown St. Louis. Of 17 entries submitted in the Interiors category, SPACE earned one of only two awards given. As beautiful as the restaurant turned out, SPACE can't take *all* the credit -- the folks at Pi gave Project Architect Kyle Nottmeier and Interior Designer Elizabeth Cockrell the creative freedom to produce an interior that captures Pi's hip, local style *and* the chic elegance of the Mercantile Exchange. By pairing rustic, natural materials with the honest simplicity of steel and glass, the crew at SPACE created a sophisticated yet comfortable place to nosh on some of St. Louis' best pizza.

The jury noted:

*"The folding wood plane creates an interesting array of spaces. The project is well-detailed and furnished and its material facility creates a beautiful tension with the aseptic smoothness of the commercial building shell."*



The AIA Awards are some of the most prestigious in the field of architecture, and SPACE has been fortunate to have earned a total of five: Franco, Imagine Schools, Bobo Noodlehouse, Chill on Wydown, and now, Pi. The architects, designers and craftsmen at SPACE love what they do, and they appreciate the nod from the local architecture community.

For more images of Pi, please contact Shelley Satke Niemeier at [Shelley@spacestl.com](mailto:Shelley@spacestl.com) or visit their blog at: <http://spacestl.wordpress.com/2012/09/20/look-ma-we-won-another-aia-award/>

### **About SPACE...**

An AIA award-winning design-build firm in St. Louis, Missouri, SPACE was launched in 2005 by St. Louis native Tom Niemeier. SPACE's collaborative team of talented architects and interior designers give clients inspiring homes, schools, medical facilities and churches to enhance the most important moments of life. As proud residents of St. Louis' up-and-coming Grove neighborhood, SPACE encourages its employees to give back to the area through pro bono work and community involvement. SPACE's community participation was recognized by St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay, who awarded them the Spirit of St. Louis Award in 2010. For more information, visit [www.spacestl.com](http://www.spacestl.com). Get up to the minute news on their blog at [spacestl.wordpress.com](http://spacestl.wordpress.com), or follow along on Twitter at @spacearchitects.

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