

# I.J. FOX BUILDING

407-11 WASHINGTON STREET EST. 1934

ELIAS, ROTHSCHILD & COMPANY, ARCHITECTS

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Courtesy of the Bostonian Society

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## HISTORY

The three-bay, seven-story Art Deco building was built for I.J. Fox, a local furrier, in 1934. Designed by Elias, Rothschild and Company, a New York architecture firm with extensive experience designing luxury retail storefronts along Fifth Avenue and elsewhere, the building was considered, like the nearby Paramount Theater, to be one of the finest Art Deco buildings in Boston. Prolific Boston architects George Shepard and Frederic Stearns also worked on the project.

The building's ornate double-height granite entrance sets it apart from its neighbors as does its wrought iron balcony, despite the fact that the façade was damaged when a street canopy was attached after the departure of I.J. Fox in the early 1970s.

The building underwent a major restoration in the early 1990s in anticipation of Strawberries moving in. It received the Art Deco Society Boston Preservation Award in 1994. For Your Entertainment (F.Y.E.) was the most recent tenant.