

STUDENT LIFE & ACADEMICS UNDER 5,000 SQ.FT.

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PROJECT TITLE: SAVOR KITCHEN

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 4,985

PROJECT BUDGET: \$50,000.00

DID YOU WORK WITH AN OUTSIDE FIRM OR CONSULTANT? IF YES, LIST COMPANY NAME: NO

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

In response to student feedback regarding limited dining options for individuals with dietary restrictions, the University undertook a project to redesign an existing dining hall, transforming it into a top 9 allergen-free space. The goal was to create an inclusive, comfortable dining environment catering to diverse dietary needs while maintaining the building's LEED certification. The project was completed in August 2024, just in time to welcome all students.

Originally, Sabai featured dark, enclosed spaces with rebar walls, bright red accents, and oversized pendants that blocked natural light, resulting in a gloomy atmosphere. The redesign focused on brightening the space, making it more welcoming, and subtly integrating university branding and standards.

To achieve this within budget constraints, the entrance landscaping was refreshed with new mulch, hydrangeas, and a logo cling above the doors to guide visitors. The ADA door access was also updated and repaired, while exterior sconces were replaced with smaller, brighter LED fixtures.

Inside, the vestibule received new walk-off flooring, and the rebar wall at the entrance was replaced with a wall wrap showcasing iconic campus scenes. The large frosted acrylic panel was updated with the new "Savor Kitchen" logo, and the back patio was enhanced with a logo decal and school-branded umbrellas.

The chosen color palette—pure white, silverplate, and Auric—complemented the existing materials. Budget limitations required retaining or relocating most lighting fixtures, with only a few pendants replaced. Large square pendants were swapped for smaller black ones from the foyer, enhancing natural light and visibility. LED recessed lighting was added in the foyer to improve ceiling design and illumination.

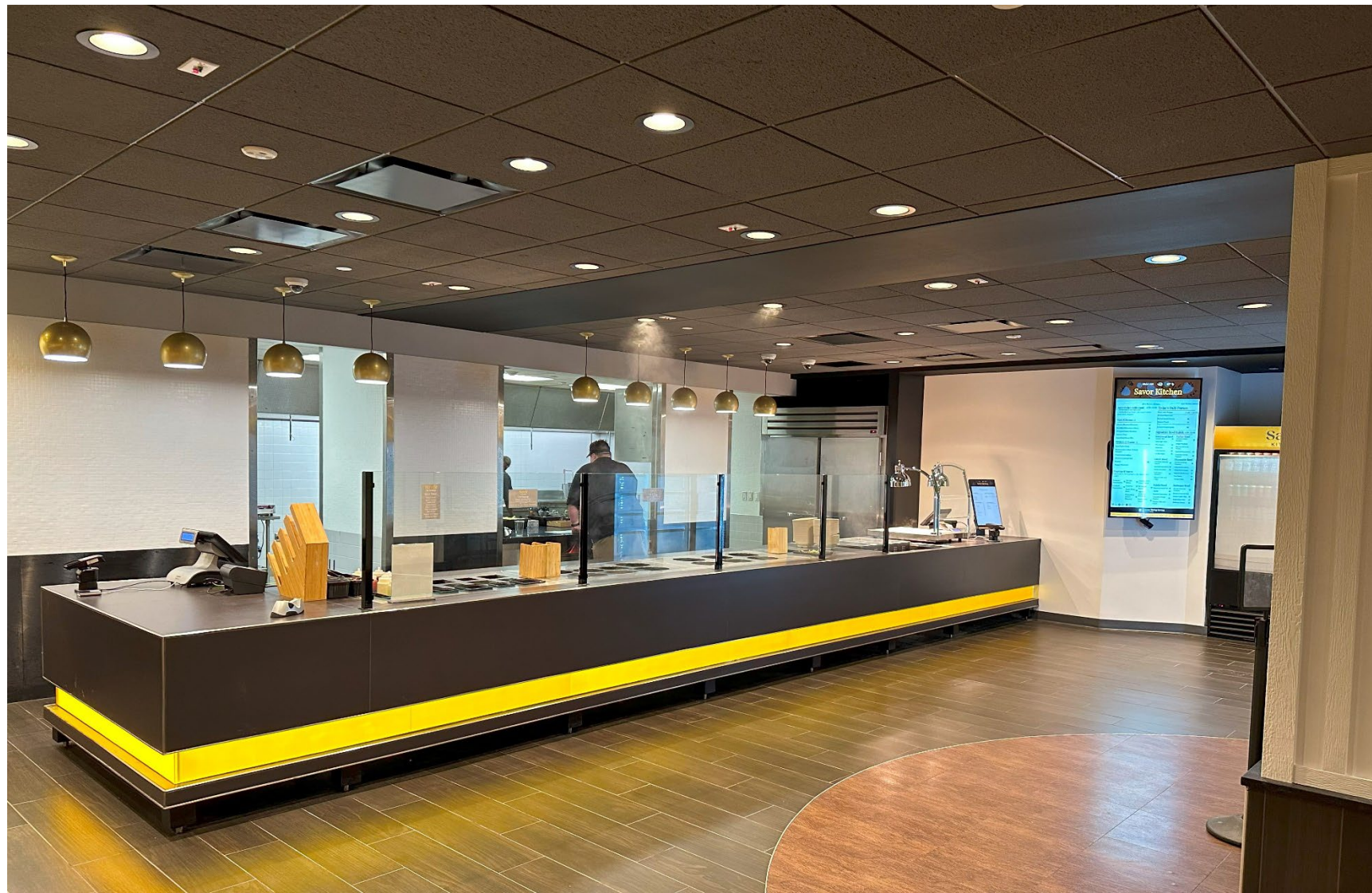
Large cabinets and landfill receptacles in the foyer were removed, and the double doors near the restroom were replaced with a cased doorway, improving seating visibility and restroom access. Tables were upgraded with higher-quality options from another campus location, optimizing the dining layout for better circulation and seating capacity. High tops were introduced to provide views through the elevated windows, and images of healthy foods and student-taken campus photos were added throughout the space.

Batten boards were added to the middle columns for texture, while Auric paint in the upper soffits drew guests toward the serving area. The red tile was painted white to lighten areas lacking natural light. To enhance school spirit, gold 3form acrylic replaced the bright red strip on the serving line, and gold pendants were added for an elegant touch.

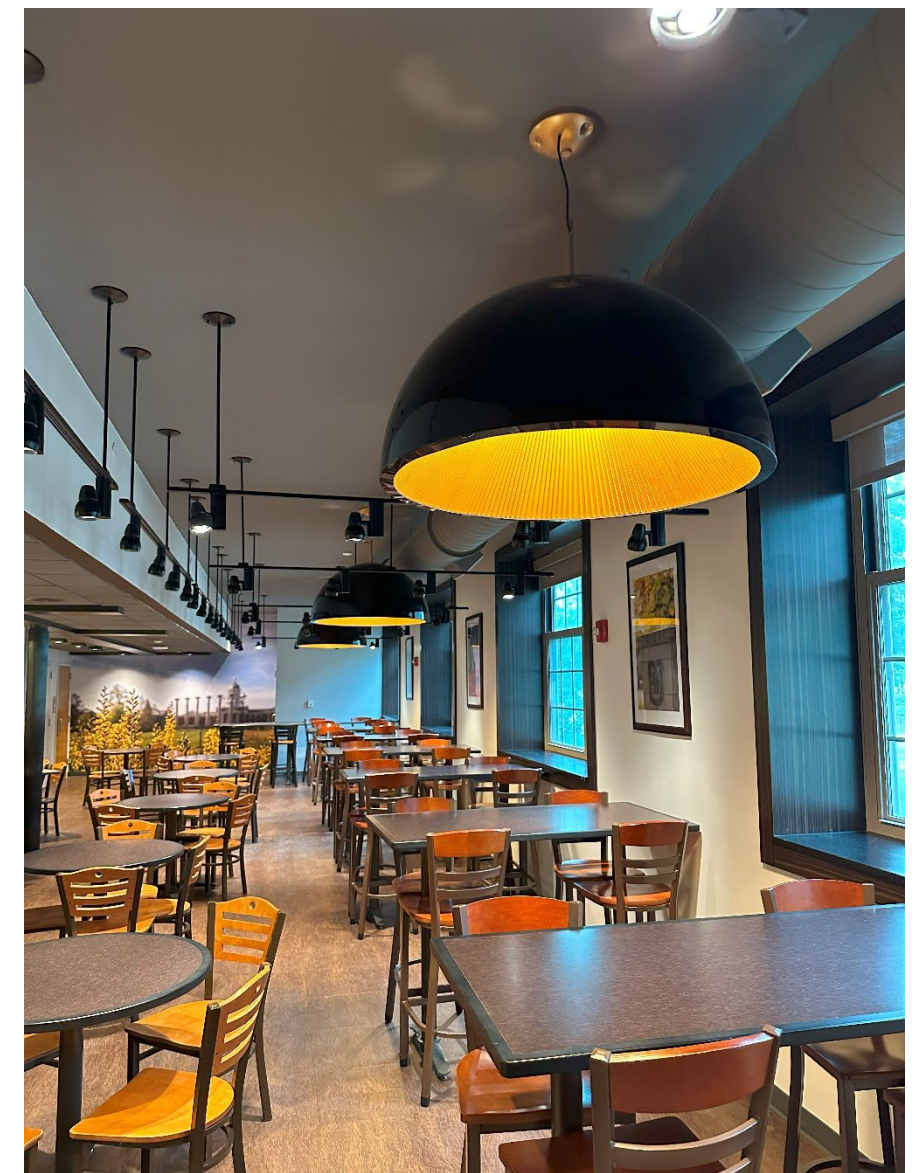
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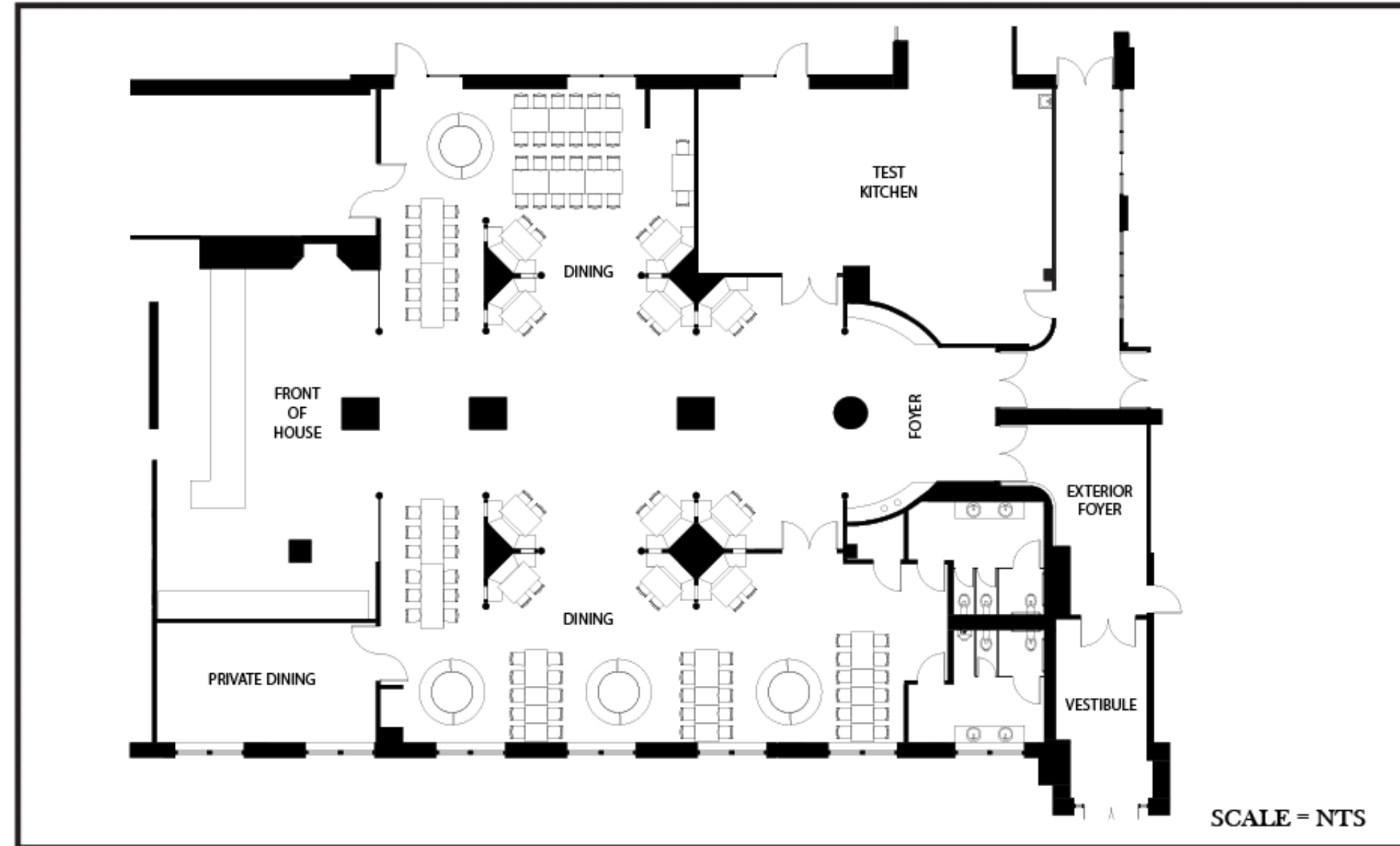
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- BUDGET PREPARATION
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- SPACE PLANNING FURNITURE LAYOUT
- FURNITURE SPECIFICATION
- FINISH SPECIFICATION
- WINDOW TREATMENT SPECIFICATION
- GENERAL LIGHTING SPECIFICATION
- SPECIALTY LIGHTING SPECIFICATION
- WALL TREATMENT
- CEILING TREATMENT
- GENERAL SIGNAGE
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- PROJECT COORDINATION AND REVIEW
- PROJECT COORDINATION ONLY

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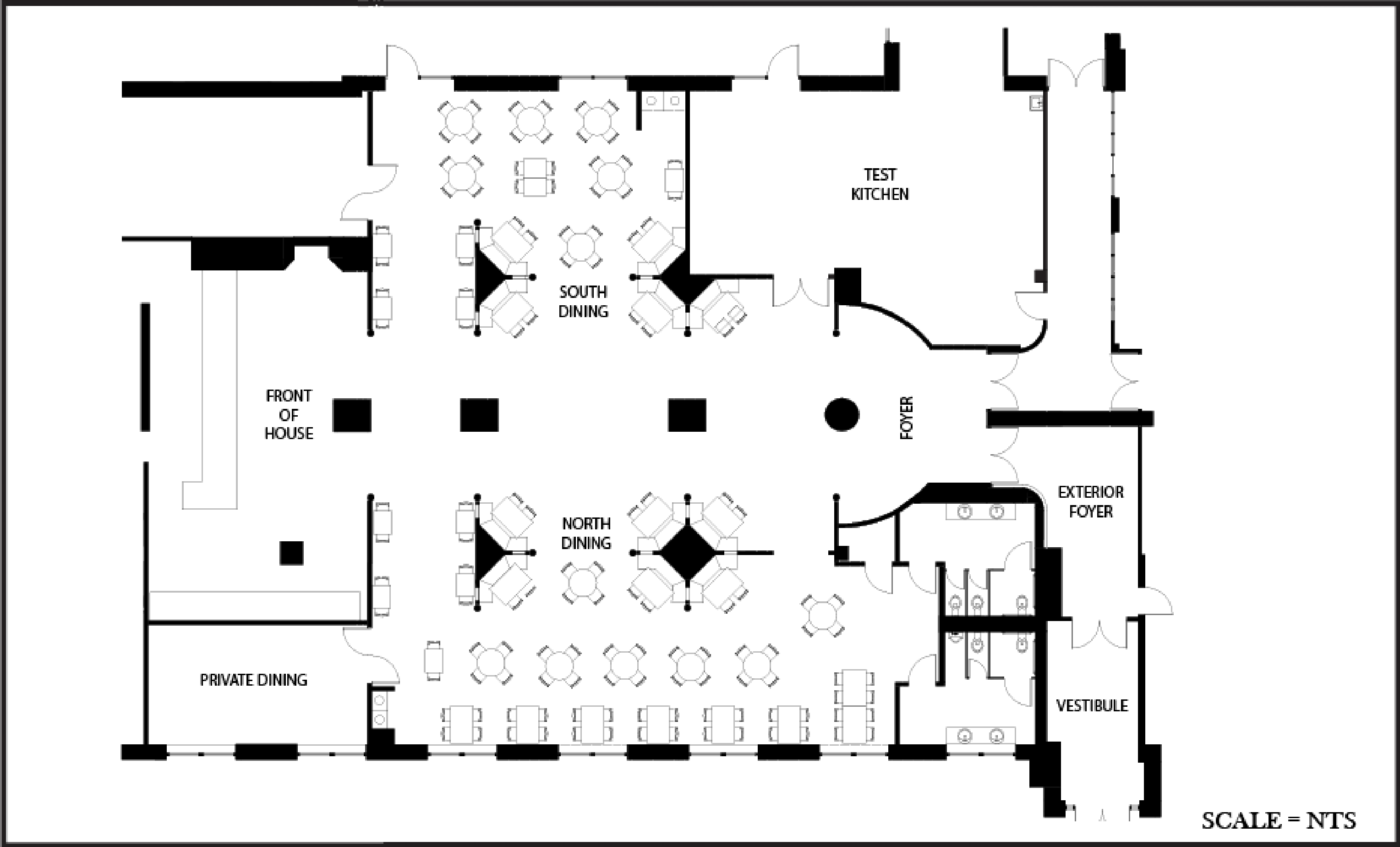
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