Camber is recognized for the City Center Awards for its exterior and interior improvements and bringing vitality to the streetscape.

Serving up much more than your average cup of joe, Camber has become a big player in downtown Bellingham for its modernization of a historic space in addition to its quality food and drink.

Founded by David Yake, Andrew Bowman and Todd Elliott, Camber is a microroasting coffee company located at the corner of W. Holly and Bay Streets, which opened in August 2017. Prior to the opening of their flagship store, Camber roasted coffee in Bellingham for select restaurants and cafes around the country since late 2015.

Camber’s interior was designed by Bellingham local Michelle Banks of Spiral Studios, with architectural elements by Dan Welch of Bundle Design Studio. Construction was completed by Chuckanut Builders. The artwork featured is by Bellingham’s own Sharon Kingston. The creative use of space establishes different environments all in one - the front cafe provides an energetic ambiance with high tops and natural light, while the back has a distinct restaurant feel.

Camber created outdoor seating on both Holly and Bay Streets, bringing vitality to the corner which serves as a gateway to both the Arts District and Old Town. The Bay Street outdoor seating provides the opportunity for patrons to enjoy the sunset while simultaneously watching waterfront development.

Quality materials were used throughout the renovation, with care taken to preserve and restore historic architectural features such as the large display windows, which bring views into the building and also put “eyes on the street.”

Camber serves breakfast, lunch, dinner, quick bites, baked goods, beer, wine, tea and coffee seven days a week. Both the space and menu are constantly evolving.

“This corner and whole block has really transformed and brought a lot more people down here at all times of the day and night,” Yake said.

Public events for the future include hosting brewer and vintner nights, and community events such as art walks and singer-songwriter nights.