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**W. CURTIS DRAPER TOBACCONIST ANNOUNCES MOVE OF FLAGSHIP STORE  
50% LARGER SPACE, ADDITIONAL SEATING & WALK-IN HUMIDOR FOR DC'S OLDEST TOBACCO SHOP**

Washington, DC — May 23, 2011 — **W. Curtis Draper Tobacconist**, the District's oldest full-service tobacconist, today announced it is **moving its flagship store** from 640 14th Street NW one block west **to the corner of [15th Street and G Street NW](#)**. Drapers will be occupying a portion of what is now the White House Gift Shop, which will consolidate into a smaller storefront (The official address is to be announced). Owners John Anderson and Matt Krimm anticipate an August 2011 opening.

The 14th Street location has not permitted smoking in the store since January 2011 — at the behest of building management — due to a tenant dispute. Despite Anderson and Krimm's best efforts, a solution could not be reached. As a result, foot traffic dropped considerably making a move for the small business a necessity.

According to Anderson, "After 124 years in the District, the last 20 on 14th Street, we pride ourselves on being good neighbors. We look forward to continuing to do so on 15th."

The new location will be adjacent to the White House, 50% larger at 1,970 square feet, offer seating for 10 and a walk-in humidior. The contemporary space, designed by DC-based [Collective Architecture](#), will showcase Draper's extensive selection of premium cigars, pipe tobacco and smoking accessories.

"Ironically, the challenges of the last few months have led us to create a space that will allow us to carry more product and provide a better experience for our clientele. As the saying goes, what doesn't kill you makes you stronger," said Krimm.

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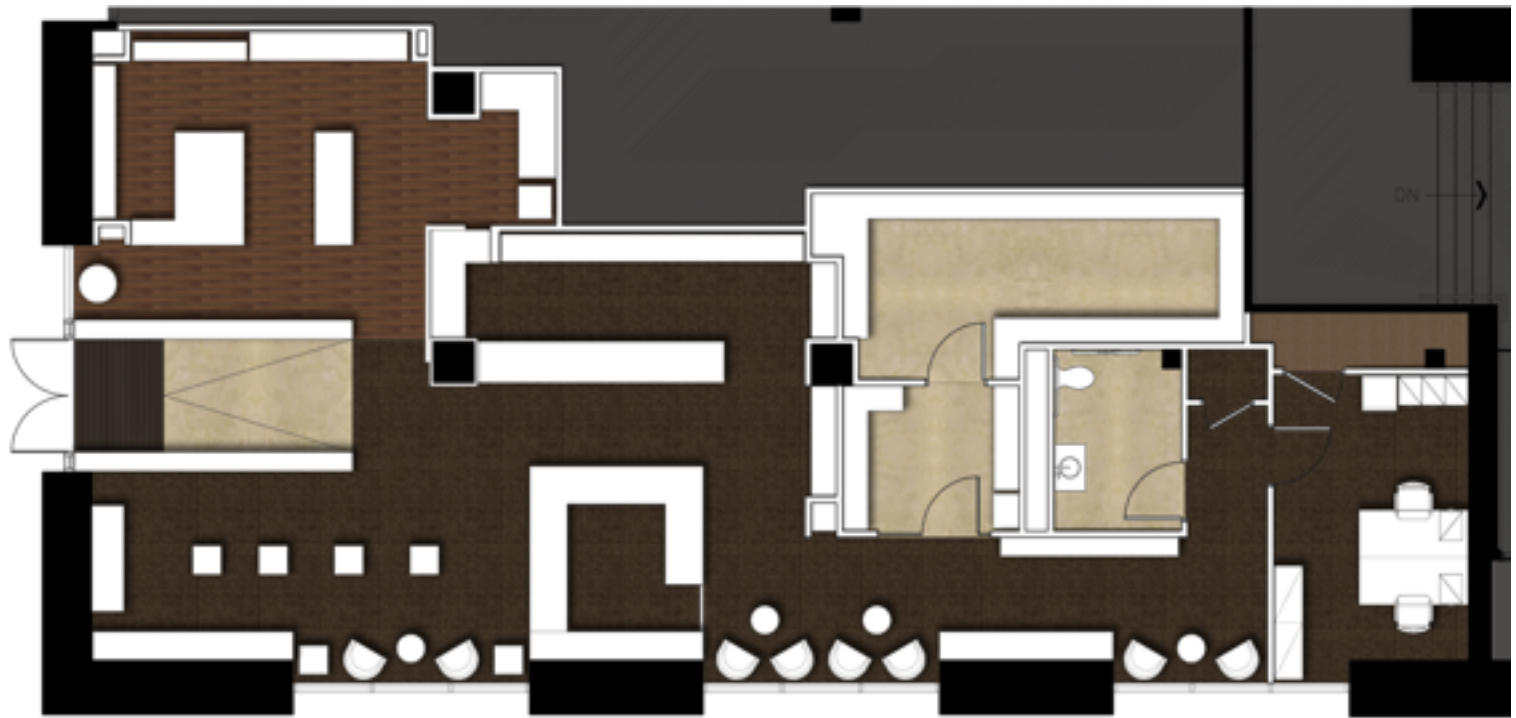
**About W. Curtis Draper Tobacconist**

W. Curtis Draper Tobacconist (Drapers) was founded in 1887 by William Curtis Draper. It is the oldest full service tobacconist in the District of Columbia and the third oldest in the United States. In 2011 a second location opened in downtown Bethesda, Maryland. Drapers offers a full array of cigars, pipes, pipe tobacco, snus and smoking accessories to a national clientele. It has been profiled in numerous media outlets including: *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *Bloomberg*, *CNN*, *Cigar Aficionado* and *The China Daily*. For information call Drapers at (800) 572-2382 or visit [www.wcurtisdraper.com](http://www.wcurtisdraper.com).

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Finish Plan



Perspective - Entrance



Perspective – Entrance and Cigar Counter



Perspective – Cigar Counters



Perspective – Blending Table