



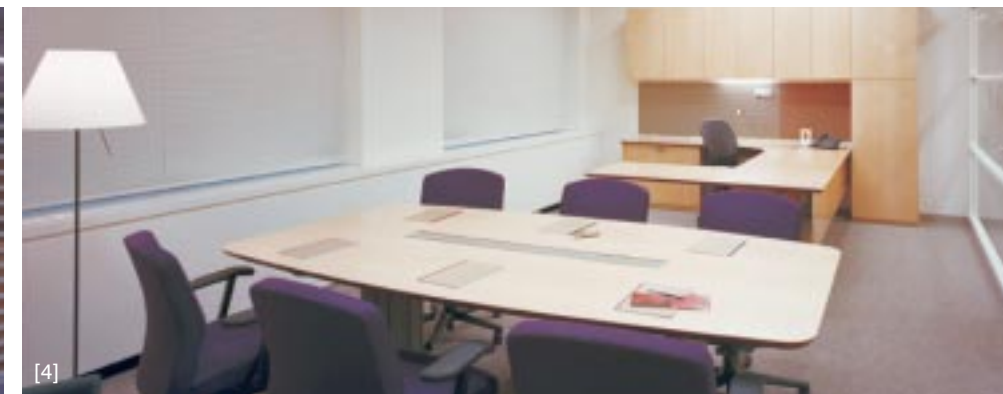
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Zimmer Japan

Establishing headquarters for leading US orthopaedic company, Zimmer, required an interior that would suggest its prestigious services, in both aesthetics and function.

This new Tokyo office is bright, open and encourages inter-departmental communication for its Marketing, Forecasting, Regulatory Affairs, Finance, IT, and HR functions. The fitout also accommodates a space for the company's large mobile sales force, team spaces and hot desks.

The environment expresses a futuristic, high tech image with a sense of tradition. The reception gallery is very abstract with walls and ceilings made of aluminium to denote the history of Zimmer's initial product offerings once made of aluminium. Spotlight projectors display the latest products on the wall, whilst the Zimmer logo in blue neon light creates a special entrance area.

Schiavello's 120-degree workstations in Manitoba figured timber laminate, utilising Interstat 90 panels, formed an important part of the fitout - allowing the design of a 'free-form' work area within the space. "We didn't want to have a static work environment where every department and each managers' location was rigidly fixed. We played with the 120-degree dog-bone

shapes and created areas for the directors at the end of the workstation with some space for meetings," explained Martin van der Linden of van der Architects.

The design allows the directors to sit within their department, whilst still addressing their specific needs: some level of privacy and space for informal conversation. The private offices required for the president and vice president were kept as open as possible and feature Rock Maple timber veneer to Schiavello workpoints.

Most departments are loosely grouped due to the 120-degree desks. The Schiavello storage units finished in the same laminate as the work surfaces provide a coherent aesthetic. The space also features multi-purpose areas at both ends of the office. These spaces are used for teamwork, internal presentations and meetings.

Above & Opposite [1], [2] & [3] ... Work areas feature Schiavello 120-degree workstations in Manitoba figured timber laminate + Interstat 90 panels. Tambour laminate underbench units + metal pedestals with veneer drawer fronts. [4] ... President's office featuring all Rock Maple timber veneer, Newtech conference table with centre gate for cable access.

project details ... PROJECT LOCATION ... 7F Shiroyama MT Building, 1-17 Toranomon, 4-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo
CLIENT ... Zimmer Japan K. K. **DESIGN** ... Van Der Architects - Martin van der Linden **SCHIAVELLO JAPAN** ... Lindsay Anderson, Blaise Anthony **AREA** ... 1155 m² **PRODUCTS** ... 120-degree workstations + Interstat 90 panels, Newtech conference table with centre gate for cable access, Sesto meeting tables, 3-drawer lateral file + tambour laminate underbench storage units.