

**Project Location**  
 Freshwater Place  
 Levels 15-27  
 2 Southbank Boulevard  
 Southbank

**Client**  
 PricewaterhouseCoopers:  
 Jay Lomax  
 Suellen Ward  
 Jenny Quick

**Design**  
 EGO|FKA:  
 Carlo Poli  
 Karl Fender  
 Karen Plant  
 John Calderazzo  
 Danial Nash  
 Sarah Alessi

**National Project Group**  
 Raffaele Tigani  
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**Schiavello Vic Fitout**  
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 Arthur Salmon  
 Susanna Tigani  
 David Tomassi  
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**Area**  
 23,000 m<sup>2</sup>

**Products**  
 Ultimet / System 45  
 panels incorporating  
 Omni Décor acid etched  
 glass, with Ultimet desk  
 bases. Storage to  
 workstations feature  
 MDF powder-coated  
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 Liberty chairs.



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It is a new era for PwC in Melbourne with all staff together for the first time in a vibrant, inspiring and new work environment that reflects the firm's values of teamwork, excellence and leadership.

# A FRESH PLACE

Leading professional services firm PricewaterhouseCoopers [PwC] is settling into its new Melbourne offices in the recently completed riverfront location at Freshwater Place. Occupying levels 15-27, the move represents a significant commitment to PwC's Melbourne clients, with the new Southbank offices featuring more dedicated client space and state-of-the-art client services facilities. It also marks the final step in PwC's national strategy of bringing its staff together and encouraging collaboration across the firm's different areas of service. "Bringing the 1300-plus partners and staff from the Collins and Spring Street offices together under one roof will enhance productivity, ultimately to the benefit of our clients," explains Suellen Ward, City Administration Leader at PwC Melbourne.

The EGO Group – EGO|FKA was charged with designing the interior. According to Karen Plant, Associate at EGO|FKA, the client brief required the accommodation modules needed to be flexible, minimised in types and provide flexibility for growth, re-organisation of teams and departments. The fitout, which involved Schiavello's Fitout + Architectural Joinery teams working on the joinery, partitions, doors and ceiling components, was to take advantage of the natural facilities of the host building including full perimeter glazing and column-less perimeter-to-core tenancy space.

The result is a vibrant environment with the use of natural light and varying colour palettes from floor to floor, and teamwork is promoted via the organisation of spaces, flexibility, openness and communication tools. Public spaces, including the lift lobby and reception area also feature Schiavello's workmanship – a stunning slatted wall in two-pack paint with stainless-steel inserts and a reception desk in Corian and glass. Accommodation was made more flexible by formulating a template practice floor with one size office and one size workstation, with modularised and freestanding furniture and storage in all areas. Premier floors [level 18 + 19] feature some of Schiavello's finest work. Feature ceilings, raised access floors, operable walls, special door sections with stainless-steel trims, and credenzas to meeting rooms and the multipurpose room.

Work areas feature flexible Schiavello MDF powdercoated storage and Ultimet workstations, with System 45 incorporating Omni Décor acid etched glass panels dividing work areas, complemented by Schiavello Liberty chairs to the firm's offices, meeting rooms, workstations and reception area. Client facilities were improved by expanding the number and mix of rooms, as well as centralising meeting rooms over a two-floor installation complete with catering and administrative support facilities, the room mix enabling seating of groups from 4 to 200.

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Staff facilities were improved on the practice floors by providing two breakout spaces at the 'hubs' of activity on a floor inter-related by location to other activities such as utility, stationery, mail and on-floor team meeting/ project rooms. The facilities, purposefully located on the perimeter, take advantage of views and natural light and enhance the dynamics of the space, promoting staff interaction and communication.

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"Due to the time constraints of working within the main building construction programme, the fact that Schiavello were carrying out a lot of the overlapping contracts, partitions, furniture, joinery and workstations assisted in the successful delivery of the project," says Ward.

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2\_ Work areas feature Schiavello's Ultimet workstations, with System 45 incorporating Omni Décor acid etched glass panels dividing work areas, complemented by Schiavello Liberty chairs.  
3\_ Waiting area on premier floor, level 19.  
4\_ Lift Lobby featuring slatted walls.

