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Project Location
Level 3,
341 George Street,
Sydney

Client
Architectus:
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Description

Location

Schiavello NSW
Nito Ibarburu
Serge Mezzina

Area
1,300 m²

Products
Starlite,
Stealth storage system,
Custom MDF
powder-coated
double-sided storage,
Humanscale M7
monitor arms.



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Leading architects
and interior designers
create their own work
environment.

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For the team of architects, interior and urban designers, planners and administration staff at Architectus, the process of creating a new work environment for themselves could quite easily have been prone to procrastination and certainly an overload of ideas. With an incredible two weeks to devise the design, plus two weeks of documentation, there was no time for indecision.

The key to Architectus' success in creating a new home for its team was a focused approach; a clear and minimal set of requirements, pared back finishes and a healthy environment bathed in natural light.

Bringing together an excellent team of people, Architectus required its new office to be very democratic and open, encouraging communication across the different disciplines. To achieve this, the brief called for 90-plus Schiavello workstations with plenty of informal meeting areas, and a series of varied formal meeting rooms with the ability to expand via large folding and sliding doors.

The new scheme is set in a space overseeing Martin Place and Wynyard Park in Sydney. The Architectus team carefully planned the layout to ensure these views were accessible to everyone as they moved through the space.

The design is based on how we best work; how our teams need to relate closely to each other, and be aware of other projects and teams within the whole,' explains Kerry Clare, Director, Architectus. 'We also wanted to express our keen interest in creating healthy environments that contribute to an enjoyable workplace. Architects spend long hours at work, it goes with the territory, so we wanted to create a space that was comfortable whether it was

brimming full or occupied by a small group burning the midnight oil.'

The reception and waiting area is placed central to the plan and establishes an east/west axis, with the work areas and support spaces falling into place. An extensive library, archive space, storage, print rooms, IT, and sample rooms are accessible, but not dominant. Architectus examined a variety of desk configurations and meeting room positions to achieve the optimum working layout. Varying planning arrangements were tested for their 'fit' with the way the firm works in flexible teams and how it meets and works with clients.

Schiavello's Starlite table system was chosen for its clean open lines and flexibility. 'Schiavello provide great value; the Starlite system projects a sense of quality without the high price tag,' says Clare. A series of 7800 mm x 1800 mm Starlite tables provide creative workpoints with a central services duct that accommodates a veneer dividing panel running the length of the work table. Construction-yellow coloured Stealth storage adds a vibrant feature to the space. The Stealth double-sided system provides a dual function as a storage and a 1200mm high acoustic zone, creating some enclosure and order within the inevitable activity of a design environment.

