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# Cap Gemini Ernst & Young

**project details** ... **PROJECT LOCATION** ... Level 2-3, 477 Collins Street, Melbourne **CLIENT** ... Cap Gemini Ernst & Young **DESIGN** ... Woodhead International – Gary Beer, Antoinette Bozanic, Ken Wilson, Ian Grant **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**: Jones Lang LaSalle – Andrew Raper, Matthew Giltrap **SCHIAVELLO VIC FITOUT** ... Daron Johnson, Carmelo Rositano **AREA** ... 3500 m<sup>2</sup> **PRODUCTS** ... Custom joinery + floating timber floor to reception, structural steel support to auditorium, stainless steel mesh screen to stair void, glazed frameless sliding doors to offices, installation of stainless steel mesh screen.





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Cap Gemini Ernst & Young's new headquarters in Melbourne's city centre is the result of an extensive refurbishment of a landmark building. Its prevailing theme is 'new economy, old economy' that is reflected in a fitout that carefully blends old and new elements.

This outstanding new interior located within the heritage listed Olderfleet building, offers high quality modern accommodation incorporating the latest technology. In addition, an imposing Gothic façade, a tower at the rear and a large recreational deck with Tennis Court and garden affords impressive amenities for the company's many staff and clients.

According to Gary Beer of Woodhead International Architects, a key criterion for this project was to create a home base - an enjoyable environment for co-workers and clients to interact, and a place for employees to 'touch down'.

"The Old Economy is defined by the heritage building that houses client interface activities including corporate entertaining and marketing. These areas include extensive use of period and ornate plasterwork in cornices, architraves and ceilings," explained Gary Beer. "The New Economy was implemented in the Tower, which although joined to the heritage building, features a modern interior reflecting the new technology."

Schiavello's fitout team worked with Project Manager, Jones Lang LaSalle, to provide proactive fitout services for the project.

The fitout comprises second floor café, open plan workstations, meeting rooms whilst the third floor comprises the main reception featuring Schiavello custom-built joinery and a floating timber floor boarder. In addition to the general floor areas, the area to the front of the building on the second level comprises the 'historical chamber', which is heritage listed and protected. Schiavello worked closely with the glazier to design and construct a five-metre high frameless glass office with frameless sliding door in this heritage area.

An internal staircase allows for increased communication and unifies the office environment over the two levels. This includes stainless steel mesh running through the stair void created by Schiavello with structural steel supporting the slab below. Schiavello installed the new stainless steel and solid timber tread stair with a bench unit also acting as a handrail for the stair.

The fitout also features an Accelerated Solutions Environment, specifically designed to action and plan new ideas with larger groups. It is a purposed planned, flexible space, essentially a creative facility for executives.

## MAJOR CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGES INCLUDED:

- ... A MODERN, FLEXIBLE FITOUT WITHIN A DEFINED AREA.
- ... DESIGN OF USEABLE WORKSPACE ALLOWING FOR RE-ORIENTATION AND CHURN IN A SHORT TIME FRAME.
- ... SENSIBLE USE OF THE "HERITAGE" ZONE AT THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING. WOODHEAD DETERMINED THAT MORE FIXED WORK AREAS INCLUDING EXECUTIVE MEETING AREAS AND BOARDROOMS WOULD BE MORE SUITED TO THE SPACE. THEY HAD A GREATER PRESENCE AND SUITED THE IMPORTANCE OF MEETINGS OR A DECISION-MAKING VENUE.
- ... INTEGRATION OF THE FITOUT SERVICES IN TO A RECENTLY REFURBISHED BASE BUILDING SYSTEM. SCHIAVELLO INSTALLED A STAINLESS STEEL MESH SCREEN, SUSPENDED FROM THE SLAB TWO FLOORS ABOVE AND RUNS BESIDE THE STAIR. IT WAS SOURCED FROM GERMANY AND WAS CRANED IN. PLANNING WAS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE WHEN INSTALLING THE MESH.

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