

RSA Security Australia

The new face of RSA Security speaks of technology and innovation without the use of a cold, hard-edged aesthetic.



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The new premises of RSA Security's expanding Asia Pacific research and development business unit in Brisbane departs from the prevailing trend of high-tech environments that project the vernacular image of cold, hard-edged aesthetics.

Rather, the design by Woods Bagot combined with the support of Schiavello, creates a valuable amenity for teams of computer engineers. The scheme reflects a cutting-edge industry through a play with materials, softened and curved forms, and a strong palette of white and luminous elements on a base of deep red that aptly captures RSA's creative energies.

Attracting and retaining staff, and creating an attractive and comfortable environment for engineers at their work area was paramount. "They spend long hours writing code at their computers so the environment needed to be as comfortable, practical and pleasing to the eye as possible," said Karen Smith of RSA Security.

Woods Bagot's innovative approach to finishes created a vibrant, enlivening workspace that ensured a fresh and enjoyable experience for employees day after day. The generous office area is divided into 'workcells' supportive of concentrative and collaborative work processes. These workcells, constructed using Schiavello's Unimet tile based panel combined with the System 55 wave panel system, create 'live' walls that promote the reconfiguring of the space as teams expand or contract. "The sense of rationality and rhythm of the workcells helps create order," explained Susan Standring of Woods Bagot.

"Combining Schiavello's System 55 and Unimet products with freestanding ProActive mobile desking and Systemet storage created an integrated approach to the workcell and office environment, with maximum ability to personalise workspaces," said Bret Gehrman of Schiavello Systems QLD.

Schiavello's fitout team was challenged with the feature curved glazing, including toughened frameless curved sliding doors, and feature wall panelling and detailed curved joinery walls in the reception and main meeting rooms. "The quality of the fitout work and attention to detail was exceptional," commented Karen Smith. Strong colours, feature lighting and applied graphics are used extensively throughout the fitout to assist in wayfinding, defining areas, creating mood and a sense of place. Ancillary staff areas, including quiet-rooms and stand-alone circular rooms, provide a relaxed retreat and meeting place away from the workcell environment. The staff lounge and café lead directly from the reception and waiting area, providing staff and visitors with dynamic views to the Brisbane River and cityscape.

The success of RSA's work environment is evident in the staff's overwhelming endorsement of their new space. Team productivity and interaction is improved due to the workcell configuration and inviting staff breakout areas.

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Location

Level 32, Waterfront Place, Brisbane

Client RSA Security Australia Pty Ltd - Greg Scott, Karen Smith

Design Woods Bagot - Susan Standring, Sally Macnaughton, Anna Nelson

Schiavello (Qld) Systems

Bret Gehrman, Mark Minogue

Schiavello (Qld) Fitout

Phil Ross, Dave Allenby

Area 1870 m²