



Harmony of Contrasts

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The design objective with this fit-out was to project an understated elegance within a relatively small area of 250m² while at the same time communicating dynamism and a commitment to high quality outcomes.

This has been achieved through a carefully selected palette of materials and tones, deftly juxtaposed. This is especially true in the entry where the foyer presents the principal forms and materials in a restrained, minimalist harmony moderated by touches of strong, bold colour.

The entry is beyond a fully glazed wall and central pivoting glass door bearing an abstract, minimalist version of the company's corporate graphics. This is elaborated into the full business name through highly polished chrome letters which 'float' off a blank, white signage wall. The foyer is separated from the meeting areas by a full-height fibreglass 'Panelite' wall. Translucent, but not transparent, the honeycomb aluminium core allows fugitive impressions of activity on the other side to filter through.

Contrasting with this wall is the black colourback glass pod containing services and defining one side of the circulation spine to the administration and executive areas beyond. As with the entry door, the minimalism is relieved by a single, bold element – in this case a recessed, light-toned horizontal joint

which runs as a band from the front to the rear of the pod playing a directional role down the circulation spine. The honed limestone floor further tempers the minimalism of the space.

Beyond the fibre-glass wall, the formal meeting room connects with an informal lounge area through two pivoting wall panels, the link emphasised by suspended profile lighting.

The tactic of contrasting dark and light tones is continued in the executive office with grey carpet and USM Haller modular office furniture in graphite, black and chrome set against the light-toned walls and ceiling. Once again, a long horizontal lighting profile is used to give coherence to the space, linking the desks of the two principals on either side of the room.

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Furniture
In the foyer: 'Metropolis' Sofa ME240[®] and B&B Italia 'UP2' chair from Space Furniture. In the boardroom: Eames 'Aluminium Group' side chairs from Werk Arens and Cesca '250' chairs from Space Furniture in the main reception. Reception: Diesel sofa from Space Furniture, Eames 'Soft Pad' and George Nelson 'Coconut' chair from Werk Arens, and GT side table. B&B Italia Ambro Office furniture is USM Haller modular furniture from ECC Lighting & Living.
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Lighting
The Panton 'Moon' pendant light in the foyer is from Space Furniture with 'Notocid 230' profile. 'Pegg' square downlights and Grid in 2 supplied by Inter. Space Furniture (01 20) 0338 3378
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Wall
Translucent wall panels with clear fibreglass and aluminum hexagonal core are 'Panelite' from Baroque. B&B Italia (01 21) 9365 8470
Floor
Foyer is 'San Sebastian' honed limestone tiles from Antedamus. Grey carpet existing. Antedamus (01 21) 9357 5060



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