



Margulies & Associates Wins Architectural Woodworking Award



BOSTON, Mass. – February 2, 2007 – Margulies & Associates, one of Boston’s most innovative architectural and interior design firms, announced today that its office design for a Boston-based asset management firm has won an Award of Excellence from the Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI).

AWI’s widely-respected Award of Excellence Program distinguishes the finest custom architectural woodwork projects and acknowledges the efforts of the architects, design professionals, and woodwork manufacturers responsible for those projects.

“The AWI editorial selection panel focuses on the beauty and value of using wood in architectural designs. The project submitted by Margulies & Associates and Trickett Woodworks is a fine example of beautiful architectural woodwork,” said Philip Duvic, of the AWI Award of Excellence Program.

With a focus on investing in European companies, the client’s primary goal was to create a classic, impressive space that complements its working style and environment. In response, Margulies & Associates designed an elegant 8,400 square foot office suite that reflects classic continental and American aesthetics.

With an irregular floor plan as the starting point, the designers organized the space into three distinct zones based upon the company’s unique working style: a reception and visitor waiting area, conference center, and an open trading floor. By consolidating public spaces at one end of the suite, a large open area for trading

operations was made available. Glass-fronted private offices arranged with wide views of the trading floor ensure that executives can remain fully involved in trading operations throughout the day. Because the staff keeps long and unusual hours related to the firm's international interests, comfortable staff areas for relaxation and informal collaboration were designed. The boardroom and public reception spaces impart a welcoming, professional environment for staff and international clients. The hallway to the main boardroom is a focal point, with a high level of woodwork detail.

Trickett Woodworks, a company that specializes in AWI premium grade projects, played a significant role in the project's design quality and workmanship. The scale and intricate detail of two full-height millwork walls by Trickett make them noteworthy -- one with wainscot and borrowed lights into the conference rooms; and another of wainscot and veneer panels. The formal areas of the suite are finished with mahogany parquet flooring, natural cherry wainscot and paneling and marble counter surfaces.

"The owner was interested in creating a highly-detailed space, specifically regarding the woodworking. This presented an exciting challenge throughout the project," said John Pearson, AIA, senior associate for Margulies & Associates.

The company is now actively working in its new surroundings, which were completed in only seven months. The owner confirms that his company's objectives were indeed met and exceeded. "The design quality and workmanship that went into our new office space has created a successful environment for our company. We have received compliments from clients and visitors, many of whom travel extensively and experience various styles of office spaces."

The general contractor for this project was cm&b.

About Margulies & Associates

Now in its 18th year of operation, Margulies & Associates is a Boston design firm providing architecture and interior design services to the corporate, institutional, and real estate communities. Consistently ranked as one of Boston's top architectural and interior design firms, the firm's corporate clients include Tyco Healthcare, Ken's Foods, The State Room, Partners Healthcare, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. For more information, please visit www.margulies.com/.

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