



## **Margulies Perruzzi Architects Completes Office Design for HLM Venture Partners**

*Leading architectural firm brings new life, improved layout to existing office*

**BOSTON, Mass. – October 3, 2008** – Margulies Perruzzi Architects, one of Boston's most innovative architectural and interior design firms, announced today that it has completed the interior design of 10,000 square feet of Class A office space that was renovated for HLM Venture Partners, a Boston-based venture capital firm that invests in health care companies.

Margulies Perruzzi Architects was selected to help HLM explore its real estate options as the company was weighing the pros and cons of finding new space or staying and renovating its existing office. The existing neo-classical office did not reflect the image that the partners wanted to present to entrepreneurs and investors. Margulies Perruzzi Architects coordinated several test fits in buildings around Boston. Based on this process, HLM decided to stay in its existing Back Bay location and modernize to align with the firm's new image following a rebranding.

"HLM invests in young, dynamic, health care companies and we needed our office to provide a more contemporary atmosphere that reflects the industry in which we operate," said Vin Fabiani, a partner at HLM Venture Partners. "Margulies Perruzzi Architects worked with us to create an open, sophisticated space that takes advantage of our incredible views of Back Bay and provides the distinctive environment we were striving to achieve."

HLM's existing leased space wrapped around the building's core in a "dumbbell" layout, which caused staff in the remote ends of the space to feel isolated from the central part of the office. In response, Margulies Perruzzi Architects created an open layout that uses abundant glass to take advantage of natural light, deploys curved surfaces at the transition points, and introduces a strong red circular arch feature that winds through the whole office space at the ceiling level to visually connect the space. The reception area was relocated to the center of the arch, directly adjacent to the elevator lobby, creating a central public space. Marble tile was laid in the reception and waiting areas to differentiate those public spaces from the rest of the

office. Walls were designed with a continuous wooden panel that provides storage space for future expansion of filing.

American cherry wood was used for the paneling and furniture, combined with Italian marble, glass, and distinctive lighting to create a warm, rich environment for HLM's new office. The space includes open workstations, private offices, conference facilities, reception and waiting areas on one floor. All of the furniture and artwork was replaced. Margulies Perruzzi Architects and HLM worked with a professional art dealer to select artwork to complement the new office design.

"Working with a great location and amazing views of the city, we were able to create a dynamic and vibrant office environment," said Andrew Dean, AIA, principal at Margulies Perruzzi Architects. "We are proud that our design created a modern space to better reflect HLM's new identity."

HLM rented temporary office space elsewhere in Boston for the three months of construction, making the project easier, faster and cheaper. The general contractor was Jones Lang LaSalle. RDK Engineers worked on the HVAC design, and Facility Management Consultants provided furniture specifications and move-management.

**About Margulies Perruzzi Architects**

Now in its 20th year of operation, Margulies Perruzzi Architects is a Boston design firm providing architecture and interior design services to the corporate, professional services, healthcare, research and development, and real estate communities. Consistently ranked as one of Boston's top architectural and interior design firms, the firm's clients include Manulife/John Hancock, Nuvera Fuel Cells, Covidien, Partners Healthcare, Massachusetts General Hospital, Hobbs Brook Management and Forrester Research. For more information, please visit [www.mp-architects.com](http://www.mp-architects.com).

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