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Renewable Energy Company: clean and green for Salka Energy's new San Diego headquarters

San Diego, United States

Located in a heritage building in San Diego's historic Gas Lamp Quarter, renewable energy company Salka Energy specialise in delivering innovative solutions to problems faced by renewable energy projects.

With such a strong focus on sustainability, the team wanted to ensure their new headquarters was fit-for-purpose, visually appealing, whilst still environmentally conscious.

Fit-for-purpose with a focus on sustainability

“We prioritised creating a fun environment while maintaining functionality and productivity. Incorporating our company’s brand colours in a subtle way into the furniture finishes was also essential to us,” says Luz Castellanos, Project Associate at Salka Energy.

The company didn’t have to look far for help. Located in the same building, THiNK office interiors were engaged to design and deliver a workspace that was functional and in-keeping with the character of the building.

“Construction opportunities were limited due to heritage overlays, so we knew that furniture would be key,” says THiNK co-founder, Courtney Kirian.

“The client wanted to bring some colour into the space, whilst still being respectful of the beautiful building and its original character. Schiavello’s two-tone Krossi Workstations fit this brief, as the wide range of finishes available meant we could design and tailor workstations to perfectly suit the space.”



Krossi Workstation with articulator for ease of movement



Krossi Workstation back-to-back cluster of six

A seamless workspace that supports team productivity

With a nod to the company's 'green' credentials, the sit-stand workstations feature Fir Green and Silk Grey two-tone legs, whilst deep brown Bottega Oak laminate worktops complement the existing exposed brick wall and timber beams. Vide desk-mount panels were also installed to create privacy, blocking visual and audio distractions in the open plan workspace.

Both products have been independently verified by leading global environmental certification partners, with Krossi achieving both Declare Red List Approved and Greenguard Gold labels.

The Salka team says the multifunctional collaborative space that THiNK created for them has exceeded their expectations.

"The space allows us to work together seamlessly in various settings, enhancing both productivity and team dynamics," says Luz.

"We are particularly impressed with the versatility of our sit-stand desks. The flexibility to adjust the layout of the workstations dynamically adds movement and adaptability in our workspace. Additionally, we appreciated the extensive customisation options available in colours and finishes, allowing us to align our workstations perfectly with our company's brand colours."

Given their close proximity, the project has also yielded an additional benefit for THiNK.

"Being located in the same building as Salka has allowed us to use their space as an extension to our existing showroom downstairs," Courtney says. *"It's a fantastic way to show clients a premium product in use within a commercial space."*

Interior design by THiNK Office Interiors
Photography by Jim Sloane



Krossi Workstation two-toned leg powder coated in Fir Green and Silk Grey