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CASE STUDY



An Elevated Evolution

Sydney, Australia

After 12 years in nearby Martin Place, an Australian Investment Manager recently moved their New South Wales headquarters to an even more notable Sydney CBD address. Combining impressive design, technology and sustainability elements, 1 Bligh Street is home to the Prime Minister's Sydney office alongside other leading corporate organisations.

Having designed this Australian Investment Manager's Melbourne space a few years earlier, workplace design firm Unispace were engaged once again with a clear objective in mind.

"The business wanted to evolve into a space that suited their new ways of working and to have different areas of the business collaborating more," says Julie Watts, Design Principal at Unispace.

"The single floorplate at 1 Bligh Street allowed them to better connect their teams, further supporting the work they were doing around hybrid work and how they operated as a group. Our brief was effectively to evolve what we did in Melbourne, bringing across some synergies in terms of aesthetics, whilst really taking Sydney to the next level."

Australian made, bespoke solutions

Interested in the story of Australian designed and made furniture and wanting to support local, this Australian Investment Manager turned to Schiavello after being introduced by project managers, Generate, and the Unispace team.

“The client was really impressed by Schiavello’s technology and the bespoke-ness of the solutions,” says Paige. “No one else was doing workstations with custom two-tone legs and the beautiful wrap around screens. The ability to do everything else we needed – meeting tables with custom veneer, standing workstations and the pods with integrated sit/stand workstations, which were a true bespoke solution. The range that was offered and ability to tailor them was second to none.”

Being able to deliver the majority of the project’s back-of-house solutions helped not only with efficiencies and design consistency, but also provided additional sustainability benefits.

“Being locally made in our Melbourne factory, we were able to receive an order early November and have the product manufactured prior to the end of year shutdowns. This enabled us to deliver to site in January and meet the early February handover,” says Kristian Missen, Schiavello’s NSW State Director.



Focus Booth

“Alongside the sustainability benefits of manufacturing locally, the Australian Investment Manager were also able to purchase through our Indigenous procurement partner which further supported their internal CSR targets and the WELL and GreenStar rating for the project.”

Krossi Two-Tone Workstations were used throughout, alongside bespoke meeting tables (both seated and standing height) with custom drum bases and tech integrations. Clusters of square and circular Focus Booths with a vinyl/leather-look exterior allow for solo focused work, with bespoke joinery providing storage and planter boxes.

Having been in the new space for over six months now, the Australian Investment Manager says utilisation has gone up across the office and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.



Drumbase Table



Krossi Workstation