

NZ Funds Private Wealth

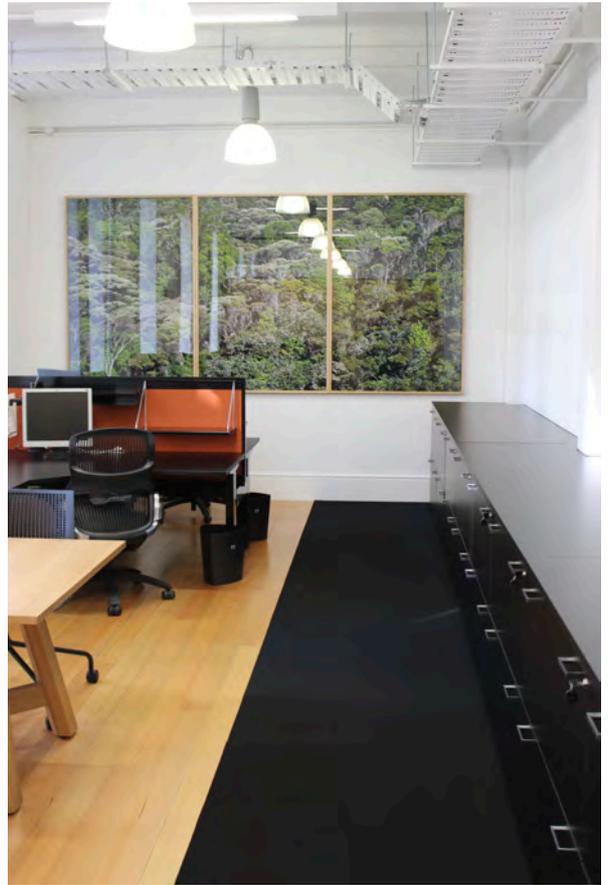
L3 Central on Midland Park

40 Johnston St

Wellington







NZ Funds Private Wealth Fitout

NZ Funds Private Wealth provides financial advice and portfolio management to New Zealand individuals, families and trusts. The introduction of Kiwisaver has led to an expanded client base and a desire to ensure their fitout reflects a broader spectrum of clientele. We were briefed to provide a variety of meeting spaces, from casual to boardroom type spaces.

The architectural concept was for a clean and simple fitout with a consistent colour palette, selected to reflect our client's branding and to sit comfortably within the Old Police Station building. The idea of a New York loft fitted well within the heritage building, and was easily communicated to a remote head office and board of directors.

Located within Wellington's CBD the L shaped space is defined by a central colonnade, which acts as a strong backbone and clearly defines the arrangement of rooms. The L shaped space accommodates the brief for an informal meeting / kitchen setting adjoining the entry doors which is observed from the first office desk to avoid the need for a satellite reception desk.

The meeting rooms naturally arrange themselves either side of the lobby colonnade behind a series of clear glazed black steel pivoting doors to provide a dramatic and semi acoustic spatial definition. Visual separation was initially allowed for within the fenestration but was not necessary as the client gained confidence with the spatial arrangement during construction.

Furniture materials and colours reflect the simple idea that anything touching the ground is timber or black and things "from above" are white. Presentation screens and space subdividing cupboards are clad in Fijian kauri veneer to provide a link to the timber floor and a sense of solid old world values associated with wealth management whilst the contemporary photography throughout provides a connection with the edgy and familiar.

Awards

NZIA Wellington Architecture Award 2016

Category: Interior Architecture

Citation: A cleverly limited material palette and exquisite detailing achieves the client's space requirements in a very elegant way. The L-shaped space is defined by a central colonnade, the organisational backbone of the space, and the 'New York loft' aesthetic is helped along its way through spectacular pivoting doors, which also act as space dividers. The theme here is: anything touching the ground is timber or black; anything "from above" is white. The design exudes both grace and – through the client's collection of contemporary photography – good humour.