

# CHINA MERCHANTS BANK

THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN HEADQUARTERS FOR CHINA MERCHANTS BANK INCORPORATING A HIGHLY DETAILED INTERIOR THAT IS SOPHISTICATED AND CLASSICALLY TIMELESS.



Spanning Level 39 of the Governor Phillip Tower, the 1800sqm workspace exudes elegance and luxury with an expansive reception area that captures harbour views alongside a striking full height digital screen. Calacatta marble, neutral toned timber veneer, brass trims, silk wallpaper by Ralph Lauren and custom made wool and silk blend rugs embody the China Merchants Bank brand.

Holly Maxwell and Aimee Shonk, interior designers at Gray Puksand in Sydney, worked closely with China Merchants Bank to ensure that the design was fresh and modern, and satisfied the requirements for each zone.

The boardroom, at 62sqm, seats 18 people at the table with additional seating around the edge of the room. Perimeter offices are planned to exact sizes to suit the brief while a staff library basks in the light and views of a premium corner location.

A staff breakout area at the opposite end of the floor plate features a floor to ceiling abstract landscape mural and oversized pendants that span the entire ceiling with reference to traditional Chinese lanterns.

A Private Banking suite with separate access from the lift lobby is planned to precise dimensions. The 260sqm space includes a separate reception area, business lounge and four meeting rooms for client use with a separate workspace for private banking workstations. Each room is a fusion of subtle cultural references that tell of the bank's origins and its future in Australia.

"The Sydney room is infused with vibrant colours of the harbour, the Beijing room symbolizes the bank's cultural history and the Shenzhen room symbolizes the future.

We also engaged an art consultant to help with the selection of artwork and have commissioned a local artist to create works for selected areas," Maxwell said.

Each artwork has a meaning. One piece symbolises a journey towards the light while another painting symbolises the journey of growth.

Elements of Feng Shui have also been incorporated into the design of the China Merchants Bank headquarters.

