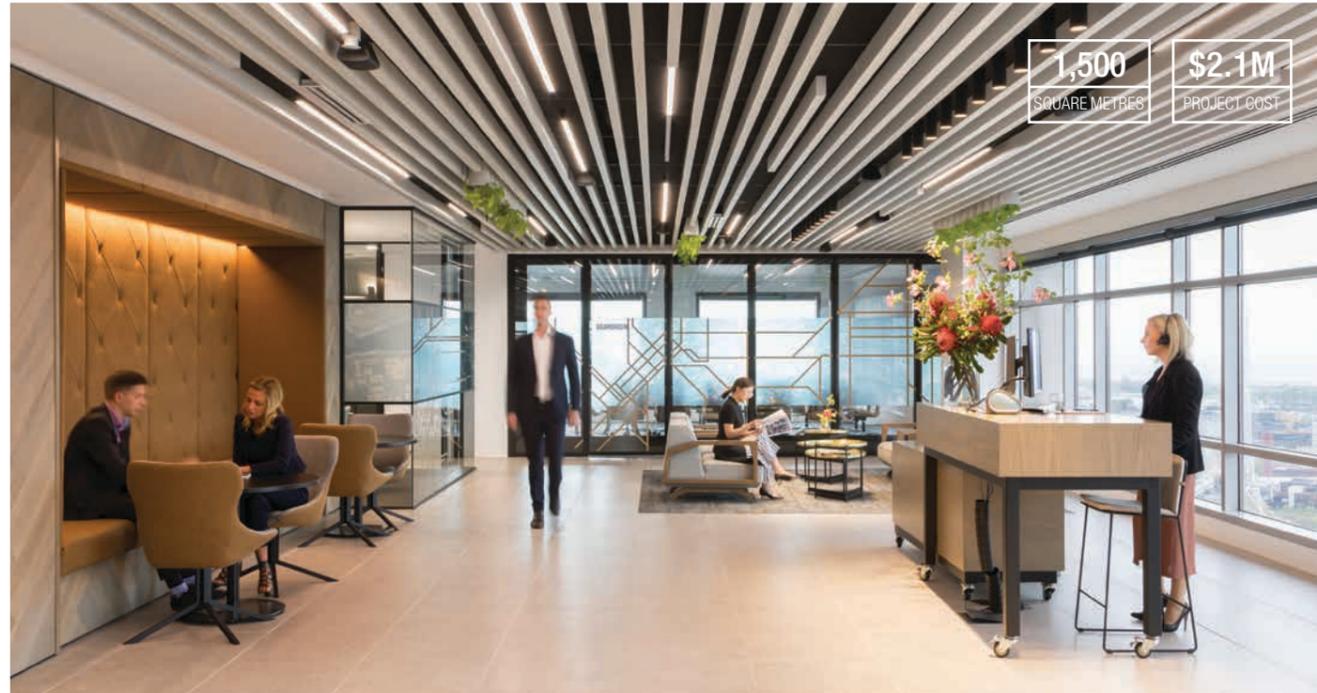


## KNIGHT FRANK

A TOUCH OF GLAMOUR AND REFINED DETAIL, GLOBAL PROPERTY AGENTS, MANAGERS AND ADVISORS KNIGHT FRANK'S NEW MELBOURNE CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS.



Spanning level 29 and part of level 30 at 120 Collins Street, this workspace affords 360 degree views of the Melbourne CBD and beyond. Inspired by these views and the client's brief for a high-end versatile environment with a touch of urban chic, the design team headed by Heidi Smith, Partner at Gray Puksand in Melbourne, has combined custom designed graphics with sublime detailing and an understated yet luxurious palette of finishes; a perfect fit for the Knight Frank brand.

"This project offered an exciting opportunity between two firms who have a long, rewarding and multifaceted relationship; our mutual respect for each other provided great benefit to the design process and final outcomes" she said.

Key to the success of the expansive front of house area are the multiple casual meeting hubs necessary for this dynamic environment, the multipurpose reception desk and the glazed operable boardroom wall which, when fully open, transforms this zone into a large function space with audio visual facilities.

Arpana Gandhi, project leader and interior designer at Gray Puksand, said that once the planning was resolved, the focus was on refining details such as the commanding open linear ceiling and the upholstered banquette which is cocooned within a herringbone timber clad portal and diamond upholstered wall panels. Brass accents feature in the architectural balustrade, furnishings and kitchen joinery, and gravity defying upside down pot plants and green screens add an element of biophilic design.

Sophisticated graphics on glazed partitions add an edgy aesthetic to the corporate workspace. Melbourne's CBD and surrounding inner suburbs are captured in an aqua tone photographic image applied between transoms. A map of the tram network is overlaid in brushed metallic gold film that runs beyond the constraints of the intermediate transoms in forms that are picked up in the timber frames of nearby armchairs.

The Knight Frank headquarters accommodates 120 staff and comprises open workspace with breakout areas and a screened utilities space, meeting rooms, a working hotspot for interstate staff and guests, and private working pods for concentrated work.

