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Silver Award

Green Walls & Vertical Gardens,
Interior & Exterior

\$10,001-\$20,000

Project:

Absorb Software Congratulations to: Greenery Office Interiors Calgary, Alberta, Canada



The story behind this design and installation:

Our company is part of a Leads group in Calgary with Kasian Architecture and Design along with a number of other interior design and architecture firms. Karen Iredale with Kasian reached out to our company with the knowledge that the client, Absorb Software, envisaged biophilic elements throughout their new four floors of office space in the recently completed Telus Sky building downtown Calgary. Each floor showcases a different bold colour to suit the already electric brand colour palette. Paired with clean whites and flooded with natural light, it was obvious our company was the perfect fit. Since April of 2020, our company has worked closely with Kasian design to outfit Absorb Software with a series of custom / unique biophilic features. The living walls located on 3 of the 4 floors are installed within alcoves, custom made to the specified dimensions of the living wall system. Further custom composite planters are attached to the base of structural columns that feature climbing cables running from planter to ceiling. Climbing plants then ascend the column, creating striking vertical green lines, carrying the eye upwards and introducing organic shape to otherwise stark linework. As mentioned, these 4 floors serve many purposes; from kitchenettes, personal offices to chill lounges. Thus, it was important the planters suited the intended design scheme for each space. We selected matte white and natural stone planters from Green Theory and incorporated natural wicker planters for the more informal spaces. Our ultimate goal was to furnish Absorb Software with custom, contemporary biophilic elements that evoke intentionality.

What makes this design biophilic?

The space contains a series of elements that allow patrons to connect with nature. Each of these elements help to complement the luxe interior design scheme. Bright whites and bold primary colours are balanced with the organic shapes, textures and colours that our company has introduced. These features help to make this space feel familiar, comfortable, and intended for human use and most importantly, enjoyment.



Above:
A 14" Strelitzia occupies this sunny corner complimented by the bold blues of the world map. In this office space we aimed to incorporate a plant that would offer greenery for the client while on virtual meetings.