



Project:	HDR Architecture, Inc.
Organization:	HDR Architecture, Inc www.hdrinc.com
General Contractor:	J.A. Jennings, Inc.
Location:	New York, New York
Application:	Central Collaboration Work Area
Product:	Futrus [®] Reception & Corridor Casework

HDR is a design and research-driven architectural practice with a long history as a global leader in designing the world's most technologically advanced facilities in the rapidly converging fields of education, research and patient care. They've partnered with our clients to shape communities and push boundaries of what's possible since 1917. With more than 8,500 employees in more than 200 locations around the world, they think global and act local.

CONCEPT TO INTEGRATION

The HDR New York City Design Studio, located in the Garment District, had a goal to create a communal workspace for their employees, as collaboration is the heart of their work. Their inspiration, to incorporate a unified design to reflect the historical architecture of the neighborhood, and bring the look into their work space. The concept, a catwalk-style functional space from the reception area with continuous countertops through the center of the office, creating a broad context of workable space. The area needed to be appealing for both casual or formal gatherings. "This catwalk is the organizing spine that holds together the various components of our office, from offices to display areas to communal workspace," said Brooke Horan, Senior Interior Designer, HDR.

EVIDENCE-BASED DESIGN

Futrus uses evidence based design practices to create hygienic, durable and sustainable solutions. Ayoub states, "With the latest technology enhancement that Futrus[®] has provided, we (HDR) can come up with unique and elegant solutions that live up to the day-to-day use and the maintenance required in a modern healthcare setting. This also means that we can enhance the tactile experience of space by incorporating new trends in healthcare design."

CUSTOMIZED / COST-COMPETITIVE

The Futrus Casework System is designed to be modular, adaptable and cost-competitive. With attention to detail that might otherwise be missed on a fast-track project, "The modular system is discreet and the details are refined so that the unit doesn't appear to be modular," said Horan. The adaptable options with the Futrus[®] Casework Systems and the seamless style of the design was vital in the vision for this concept. "Having an integrated structural solution allowed us to create sleek and slender architectural gestures that were structurally sound and elegant," said Horan. This cohesive corporate environment was blended with a combination of custom designed options with some off the shelf pieces that merged together in the space, to accomplish the vision of this project. HDR selected Glacier White from over 120 DuPont Corian solid surface colors available in Futrus' solutions, enforcing a clean, modern, adaptable aesthetic.

DURABLE

HDR, Inc. strives to offer and deliver their clients integrated sustainable solutions, therefore the pairing of Futrus[®] Solutions with DuPont[™] Corian[®] complements the HDR view on durability and sustainability. The DuPont[™] Corian[®] solid surface, seamless design offers greater durability than traditional materials like laminate or wood. The Futrus[®] corporate casework design is minimalist in appearance with aluminum frame structures, using the advanced, light-weight construction techniques patented by Futrus[®]. This technique allowed the HDR New York Design Studio to express their style and enhance the workspace. "We see the quality of Futrus[®] fabrications as a reflection on us, and the type of honest elegance we strive for on our projects," said Mohammed Ayoub, NY Studio Design Principal.

FUTURE OF SOLUTIONS

HDR's Ayoub highlights that healthcare facility personnel are always considering maintenance, infection control and durability, when he is engaged with his clients. The Futrus[®] with DuPont[™] Corian[®] solid surface, modular systems and healthcare solutions are visibly seamless in design, making them easy to clean and easy to maintain. Stains and scratches can be buffed out to keep the surfaces looking and performing like new, to help ensure years of uncompromising performance. Futrus[®] Healthcare Solutions are designed to help healthcare staff reduce the spread of Hospital Acquired Infections (HAI's). Corian[®] solid surfaces are nonporous and when properly cleaned does not support the growth of mold, mildew and bacteria.



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