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Virgin Atlantic Clubhouse at JFK Queens, NY

Architect: Slade Architecture
Client: Virgin Atlantic Airways

The clubhouse functions as a private members club, boutique hotel lobby, restaurant, and chic bar. Surrounded by views of the jetways, aircraft, and the iconic TWA Terminal, the 10,000-square-foot lounge combines the glamour of 1960s air travel with an uptown vibe. Distinct areas cater to different passenger activities and are organized by sound levels – quiet, talking, and cocktail lounges – and length of stay. Activities requiring less time are closer to the entry. The central cocktail lounge, enclosed by a curving screen of stainless-steel rods and walnut fins, is illuminated by 2,000 powder-coated golden cylinders hanging from the ceiling. Specially designed furnishings and wallpapers define the character of each area.

◀ Jury: “There is an exciting willingness to explore new materials and fabrication methods. The fluid movement through the space is very appropriate for an airport.”

SLADE ARCHITECTURE DESIGN TEAM: Hayes Slade, AIA, IIDA, James Slade, AIA, IIDA, LEED AP, Tian Gao, David Iseri, Magda Stoenescu, Gozeder Artech, Frances Calosso, Yuko Okuma, Allesandro Perinelli, Will Choi, Marco Juliani, Lauren Lochry, Santi Slade, Garrett Pruter; and Virgin Atlantic In-House Design

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Gilsanz Murray Steficek

M/E/P ENGINEER: ADS Engineers/Ambrosino, Depinto & Schmieder

ACOUSTICAL ENGINEER: Cerami & Associates

LIGHTING DESIGN: L'Observatoire International

PROJECT MANAGER: PT Projects

KITCHEN CONSULTANT: Next Step Design

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: Holt Construction

Jury: “It is an inventive, playful solution that offers a thoughtful response to workstations by showing a range of possibilities.” ▶

WORK ARCHITECTURE COMPANY DESIGN TEAM: Amale Andraos, Dan Wood, AIA, Sam Dufaux, Tamicka Marcy, Julcsi Futo, Beth O'Neill, Elodie Le Roy, Deborah Richards, Michael Alexander, Nick Hopson, Karl Landsteiner, Estelle Bordas (furniture)

LANDSCAPE DESIGN: Town and Gardens

AV CONSULTANT: Diversified Systems

M/E/P & FP ENGINEER: Plus Group Consulting Engineering

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Robert Silman Associates

LIGHTING DESIGN: Tillotson Design Associates

IT CONSULTANT: TM Technology Partners

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Conelle Construction Group



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Wieden + Kennedy New York, NY

Architect: WORK Architecture Company
Client: Wieden + Kennedy New York

Renowned advertising agency Wieden + Kennedy wanted its New York office to support its collaborative culture and accommodate growth. The three-floor, 50,000-square-foot renovation organizes the workplace by creating “neighborhoods” for 20 to 30 people, incorporating informal lounges, kitchens, stand-up tables, traditional meeting rooms, “phone booths” for intimate meetings, and “wide-n-long” rooms for large groups. Circular cuts in the two floor slabs contain sculptural stairs that link the three floors; the bottom “Coin Stair” doubles as an auditorium. The spiraling upper stair’s structure achieves maximum lightness through thin plates of solid steel and perforated metal guardrails. A double-height slab cut at the building’s corner opens up an outdoor “park” for lunch, meetings, and yoga.