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COMMERCIAL PROJECT

Zioks, a software development company originally, diversified into the growing co-working space in India. The brief to AK Enterprises was simple – to create a workspace of global stature with spacious & functional workspaces, ample lighting & air, high internet & voice connection & other facilities.

The design pattern had to reflect the New Zealand-based parent company in an Indian context and a focus on EHS (Environment, Health & Safety standards). There will be a functional multi-tenanted workspace complete with shared faculties. But the

attractive & pleasant ambience must make the assorted occupants feel like it is their office.

Thus, the warm & bright reception or 'Collab' area has a welcoming vibrancy. The entrance from the lift lobby is through a door in the grid glass partition in a sleek powder-coated aluminium framework. The elegant reception table has a Statuario Italian marble top and apron. A warm blue-coloured meeting room flanks it. Two telephone booths are on the side, while you see the lounge-type seating in blue & yellow fabric go well with the wooden textured floor tiles.

The ceiling in dark grey paint is made pleasant by the pentagon-shaped white laminated boards.

Via the entry beyond the Collab area, you go to the functional office with the workspaces. The well-designed interlinked passage allows smooth accessibility to the shared facilities. Glass partitions & the passage help in energy efficiency.

The colour palette here is in shades of grey-backed by bright illumination. What adds a sunny touch are the wall prints & framed paintings. A certain brightness is brought by the bright yellow & blue to the cafeteria & break out zone. The pool table is an excellent distressing option.

ECO-FRIENDLY & EHS COMPLIANCE

While doing the vital interior space and selection of materials & OEMs, the firm had to stick to the client's environment-friendly & EHS standards.

So, the circulation space is well-designed to access the main & fire exits guided by well-placed signage. The well-designed workstations are spacious enough to keep the desired distance. You will find a washroom complete with a ramp for the physically challenged people, apart from daycare & an infirmary. The auto disposable sanitisers are placed strategically in high traffic areas.

Using eco-friendly materials like paints & lighting is of prime essence. So the OEMs are IGBC/Griha certified. The hands-free faucets in basins & sensor-based urinals in the toilets & WCs conserve water and stick to the COVID protocols.

The low side work of HVAC connected from the dedicated AHU has fire dampers to be actuated in an emergency. The standalone cassette AC units & packaged is connected via energy-efficient VRF ODUs and green norms compliant. The electrical wires comply with the FRLS category. Adequate circuit breaks are found in the main LT panel to protect pieces of equipment.

The addressable fire alarm system with sprinklers & extinguishers abide by the building norms. The building's BMS is integrated with it. You can also find

access control devices for emergencies.

AK Enterprises followed the client's needs to the T. The client is satisfied. There was a fulfilment of demands in terms of total theme, conceptualisation and rendition. The environment is eco-friendly, abides by safety measures and focuses on the people's health on the premises.

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