

ENVIRONMENTS AT WORK

Boston, Massachusetts

Client: Environments at Work



Specializing in workplace furniture and interior architectural products, Environments at Work (EAW) represents over 250 manufacturers and works with clients across multiple practice disciplines. In response to EAW's need for more space, Elkus Manfredi Architects created a vibrant live/work/play office that balances work, display, and socializing space, embodying the trends aspired to by EAW's clients. While incorporating many functions in a small footprint, the loft-style setting maintains a sense of airy openness.

The new office is located on two floors totaling 7120 square feet and expresses EAW's culture — collaborative, open, inclusive, transparent, service-focused. The client-centered upper floor features a formal arrival/reception area that doubles as a showroom and bar for catered receptions, plus glass conference rooms, private offices, and open workstations. White walls, black wood, and abundant glass serve as a quiet backdrop for changing product displays. The employee-centered lower floor features more workstations, a kitchen, and flexible open space used as both the employee "living room" and a venue for training. Mirrored walls reflect daylight deep into the office. Connecting the floors is a central monumental stair, a dramatic design statement in the otherwise neutral environment that encourages interaction among teams. Overall, the workspace projects a contemporary, sophisticated aesthetic, serving as a marketing tool as well as an elegant, collaborative workplace.

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