



Allsteel®

PROJECT PROFILE

AARDEX LLC
{ GOLDEN, COLORADO }

“This is the first and largest commercial LEED® Platinum speculative building in the country. Everyone who comes through loves what we’ve done.”

Randy Swearingen, Vice President of Office Development, Aardex LLC

CHALLENGE

Aardex, a property development company specializing in lean construction, designed their Signature Centre to be the first LEED-CS Platinum-certified commercial building in the United States. In addition, Aardex literally wrote the book *User Effective™ Buildings*, a set of recommendations that creates the standard for utilizing innovative ideas in workplace design and planning to improve employee productivity, satisfaction, and retention. Aardex wanted their new offices to showcase both green building techniques and this unique approach to workplace design. “We capitalized on an opportunity that presented itself,” said Janice Thompson, Chief Operating Officer for Aardex. “This was intended to be the test lab.”

Choosing office furniture became an important component in meeting both sets of aggressive goals. In addition to contributing to a greener office environment and expressing the company’s commitment to sustainability, the office furniture also had to demonstrate the User Effective practices Aardex espouses for its own clients. These include offering customizable workspaces with plenty of storage, creating flexibility for spontaneous collaboration, and ensuring acoustical privacy and access to natural light.



SOLUTION

Allsteel's NeoCon® Gold award-winning Reach storage and Terrace 2.6 panels offered Aardex the innovative design and environmental profile they needed. "We chose Allsteel because the products offered a very sleek, professional, upscale look using mostly recycled content," said Thompson. In addition, this flexible office system maximizes airflow and natural light, and offers convenient access to power and data.

In the open plan, low, 56" tall panels and mobile Merge tables encourage increased communication. "We were trying to provide an environment conducive to teaming," said Thompson. "The mobile tables have been critical for great collaboration." Reach is not only SCS Indoor Advantage™ Gold certified for improved indoor air quality, but also creates efficient, storage-rich environments in a compact footprint with large, unobstructed workspaces.

The glass tiles in Terrace's top level contribute to the User Effective model by allowing natural light to reach interior offices. In the lower panels, Landscape tiles in shades of white and gray are contemporary and clean. "The final design is functional, open, and modern," explains Aardex's office furniture dealer.

GAINS

Workstations provide ample storage while maintaining a sleek, sophisticated look

Flexible, modular system allows for quick and efficient reconfiguration

Low Terrace 2.6 panels with glass tiles optimize natural light distribution

Relate seating provides the latest ergonomic features and is suitable for all body types

Nearly all of the office space offers an outside view

Products are made with innovative, recycled, and recyclable materials such as button material in Terrace 2.6 tiles and reclaimed paint on Reach drawer interiors

Comfortable, customized User Effective environment enhances employee satisfaction, increases productivity, and saves significant dollars every year



ALLSTEEL PRODUCTS

Terrace® 2.6 frame-and-tile system, Pearlescent Strata™ Landscape™ surface, Reach® and Essentials™ storage, Merge® tables, Extensions™ work tools, Relate® seating

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EXPERIENCE

Aardex found Allsteel's people as easy to work with as their product. "Very early on, Allsteel came to the table to discuss what their company was about and how we could work together," Thompson notes. "The enthusiasm of the Allsteel folks solidified our decision to go with them." In addition, Aardex wanted their workspace to be a showroom for the practices they advise their clients to adopt. "Allsteel was excited about the idea of showcasing a User Effective model to demonstrate for our customers a workplace that really works," Thompson adds.

In the end, it came down to working together to meet challenges and exceed expectations. "Allsteel performed throughout the entire process, from start to finish," the office furniture dealer says. "With Allsteel, we were able to provide the client with something very innovative and environmentally sound."

"If I had to make the decision again, I wouldn't hesitate to choose Allsteel."

Janice Thompson, Chief Operating Officer, Aardex LLC

For more information about Allsteel solutions, please visit allsteeloffice.com.

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