“Really, it’s the furniture that makes the room. The furniture is the decoration.”

Michael Kenny, President, Co-Merge Workplace
For Kenny, the key to creating the flexible, productive environment he envisioned was the furniture. “We were lucky to be able to design from the ground up on how it would be used and what rooms we wanted to have. We basically started with furniture and worked our way around the space, because the furniture enables the different workstyles we want to support,” he says.

Using a variety of Allsteel products, Kenny and his team created several work zones in the roughly 9,000-square-foot building including areas specifically designed for collaboration, training, and individual heads-down work. “I’m very impressed with the Allsteel furniture,” Kenny says. “I work in it all day long, and it’s comfortable, sturdy, and attractive.”

The San Diego Architectural Foundation recognized Co-Merge with an Orchid Award for adaptive reuse; the honor was bestowed on just 13 of more than 140 nominated projects. One juror called it “the next generation of work environments,” and the foundation praised Co-Merge for creating a physical space that encourages use, as well as its sustainable design.

“The whole goal was to be environmentally sustainable,” Kenny says, and Stride’s sustainably minded design was important to him and his team because even though they weren’t seeking LEED® certification, they wanted everything designed to be as “green” as possible.

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**SOLUTION**

**FEATURED PRODUCTS**

Stride® panels, desking, and benching, Stride, Persona™, and Essentials™ storage, Merge® and Get Set® tables, #19®, Acuity®, Relate®, Sum®, Seek™, and Inspire™ seating, Gunlocke® Converge™ casegoods

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Co-Merge’s new workspace has proven compelling and invigorating to a wide range of people, attracting real estate agents and sales representatives, attorneys, accountants, web developers and programmers, and a host of freelancers. But it’s not just the self-employed who find the space useful; larger companies are finding it a cost-effective way to office employees.

“We’ve had hundreds through the space, and we’re getting very, very positive feedback from those who are using the space,” says Kenny. “Stride is beautiful and unique-looking, yet is solid, functional, and works just how we want it to. This is nice-looking furniture that’s artistic in itself.”

“I was happy from the very beginning with what Allsteel had to offer. We never needed to look elsewhere.”

Michael Kenny, President, Co-Merge Workplace

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