

MAERSK DRILLING

Houston, TX

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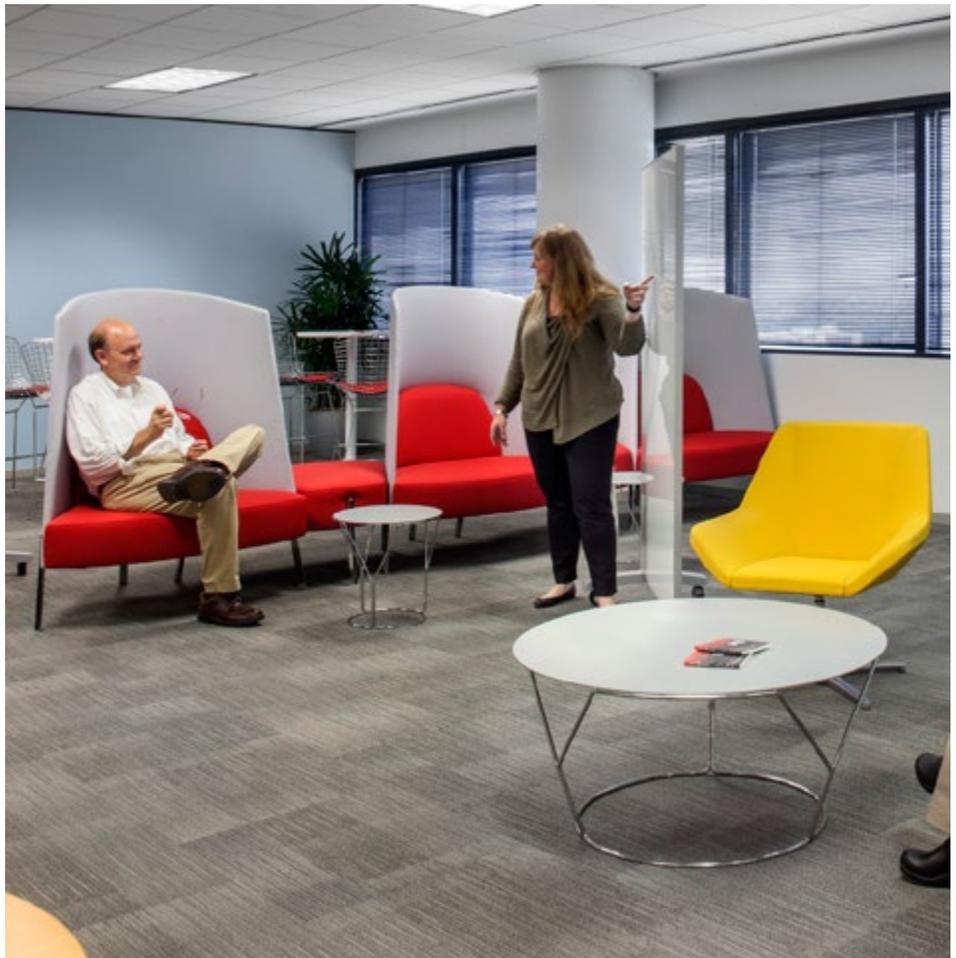
30,000 square feet

Project Highlights

Progressive headquarters renovation and expansion; Feature walls with environmental graphics: full size 3D topography wall and full size magnetized vinyl graphics; Metal wall with cove lighting; Full height custom glass sliding door system; Design features inspired reflects rig aesthetic

Services Provided

Full service interior design and architecture;
Environmental graphic design





Maersk Drilling, a high-efficiency drilling services provider, enlisted IA to renovate and expand their US headquarters in Houston, TX. They sought a more progressive, open space that promoted health, productivity and team. Key project goals were the incorporation of the values and aesthetics of their European offices and offshore rigs, and a flexible design, including primary spaces to encourage teamwork and transparency, and secondary spaces to support employee well-being.

Central to the new office's design are the open and closed collaboration areas. Standard office sizes create a level playing field between office managers and upper level staff; formal and informal conference areas provide a space to discuss specific work. A quiet area, divided from the open space by a metal curtain and illuminated by cove lighting, provides a relaxing place to refresh. "The Canteen" is the social hub, where employees can mingle and eat throughout the day. A custom glass sliding door system separates the food serving area from the seating area, allowing for use of the food service area during town halls or other gatherings without disruption.



Maersk's culture is subtly integrated with refined nods to rig materiality and form and the use of brand colors and shapes. The angles of the company logo inspired the angular, stainless steel reveals on the branded wall behind the reception desk, and the flooring pattern in The Canteen is reminiscent of the shapes found in a drill rig lift. In the boardroom, an interactive, magnetized graphic of the Gulf of Mexico allows employees to physically locate their drilling rigs with magnets. This theme is mirrored in the reception area, with an elegant, floor-to-ceiling 3-D topography map of the Gulf that's a centerpiece of the seating area.