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Margulies Perruzzi Architects designs 14,000 s/f for The Davis Cos.

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Margulies Perruzzi Architects (MPA) completed the interior design for the new 14,000 s/f headquarters of The Davis Companies (TDC). The new space at 125 High St. in the Financial District was designed with a more open floor plan.

After 24 years in Boston's South End, The Davis Cos. relocated to the Financial District to be closer to its partners, stakeholders, and members of the commercial real estate community.

Other members of the project team included project manager Dale Buckley with corporate projects and Relocation Management LLC, and general contractor Elaine Construction.

MPA renovated portions of the new office, taking away walls and other obstructions in order to create a more collaborative, open space.

Throughout that process, MPA worked to ensure that both the existing and built-out areas were consistent in their design features. Existing conference rooms adjacent to the main entrance were kept in place for their natural wood finishes and fabrics. MPA also collaborated with The Davis Cos. on a layout that includes several different types of workstations. Private offices, cubicles, and flexible desks or "benching systems" were all incorporated to match the various types of work performed by The Davis Companies' employees.

"Having worked with MPA in the past, we were confident their team would deliver results on schedule and on budget," said Duncan Gilkey, senior vice president with The Davis Cos. "MPA's design of our new space really delivers when it comes to the daily needs of our staff, and it gives us the room to collaborate and better serve our clients in the commercial real estate and finance communities."

Openness and transparency were emphasized in the use of all-glass fronts on private offices as well as team rooms. In order to provide privacy within the open work environment, a number of shared offices and small huddle rooms were also included. A new pantry was designed to support both dining and casual meetings.

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