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## **Dyer Brown designs new 5,100 s/f innovation center for Stanley Black & Decker at Innovation and Design Building**

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Boston, MA In Boston's Seaport District, Dyer Brown has designed a new innovation center for Stanley Black & Decker, a facility for technological research in automation, adaptive manufacturing and artificial intelligence located in the city's Innovation and Design Building, One Design Center & 21-23-25 Drydock Ave.

The new 5,100 s/f facility initially for about 20 employees is part of a global initiative to transform technology through research. It is the 11th breakthrough innovation center for Stanley Black & Decker to date, and its official name is the Stanley Security Futures Innovation Factory.

The award-winning architecture and interior design firm, Dyer Brown, conceived a neutral and lightly finished backdrop for the R&D collaboration spaces, with accents of the company's signature yellow and black, natural wood-topped workstations, exposed concrete floors and industrial pendant lighting.

With decades of experience on high-tech workplaces and innovation spaces, the design team from Dyer Brown worked closely with Stanley Black & Decker to ensure the space would be uplifting and highly functional, accommodating its needed research equipment and mechanical and electrical capacity.

"We recognize that technological innovation is changing the world at an exponentially accelerating pace and that being at the forefront of disruption is essential to success," said Jim Loree, Stanley Black & Decker's president and CEO, in announcing the new facility.

According to Brent Zeigler, AIA, IIDA, president and director of design for Dyer Brown, the innovation center will further benefit by being in Boston's I&D Building, home to Autodesk and GE as well as the MassChallenge headquarters, a nonprofit partner focused on start-up business acceleration. Stanley Black & Decker has begun a partnership with MassChallenge, fitting out the entire market space with Stanley tools and offering mentorship services to MassChallenge companies, creating opportunities to catalyze ideas and collaborate.

"Boston's innovation ecosystem of talent, concentration of technology companies, and collaborative entrepreneur community will help the Futures Innovation Factory grow and thrive while Stanley

Security transforms the security technology industry,” said John Barros, chief of economic development for the city.

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