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MKDA designs 42,000 s/f HQ for Greenwich Associates in Stamford

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MKDA, a leading space planning and interior design firm with offices in New York City and Stamford, has designed the new corporate headquarters for Greenwich Associates, one of the world's premiere consulting firms in institutional financial services. The firm relocated from 30,000 s/f in Greenwich to 42,000 s/f on two floors at High Ridge Park Corporate Center located at 6 High Ridge Park.

MKDA designed a large 900 s/f mail and duplication room, where the firm produces its research documents and reports for financial companies, and a large pantry with a communal counter at the center core of the space. The double-height reception area, designed with pendant lighting fixtures that cascade down from the 30 ft. ceiling, is also positioned at the center core of the space and features walls with fabric and wood paneling, a handful of benches and upholstered chairs, a cherry wood reception desk and an elegant, curved wall punctuated by the Greenwich Associates logo.

To help the firm achieve its objective to move toward an open work environment, MKDA not only positioned critical common areas at the center core, but also outfitted the space with more than 200 low-rise workstations organized in clusters of four. Each quadruplet was given a common work area where groups could collaborate. Additionally, MKDA designed the space to include one large boardroom with a folding wall, seven glass conference rooms, a training room, a data center, an interview room, and a handful of pantries throughout the office suite. The firm was also given 16 private offices with sidelights to maintain the suite's openness.

The design firm used a warm color palette with shades of green and harvest gold throughout the office suite, including green carpet tiles highlighted with harvest gold and dark green accents. Conference rooms were cloaked in shades of dark green while the common areas around the cherry wood workstations were accented with gold tones. The design firm kept the area well lit using contemporary wall sconces and cove lighting.

High Ridge Park Corporate Center, which was named a regional TOBY (The Office Building of the Year) Award winner by the Building Owners and Managers Association, contains six buildings totaling 583,000 s/f of Class A office space on 40 acres. Tenants include UST, Citizens Communications and TNS as well as financial services firms, hedge funds and private companies.

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