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Armani Exchange
New York, NY

Honor Award

Architect – Gary Lee Partners

Client – Armani Exchange

Contractor – Interiors by Orazio

Consultants – Concessi Engineering, P.C.

The biggest obstacle for this project was finding a way to keep the client's products organized along with anticipating needed storage for new items, while attaining the look of simplicity. The solution was adding storage units to each workstation as well as wardrobes that merge with the design at the end of each workstation. The truck pit, a unique element, was incorporated as a multi-purpose room for fashion shows, training, yoga, etc. The employee kitchen overlooks the truck pit creating a space separate from the office world. The conference rooms have portable walls between each room, providing flexibility for the client's unique needs. The walls can be pulled down providing privacy for meetings or opened to create a multi-purpose space, perfect for internal fashion shows. Jurors found the space both "spatially innovative and reserved."



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