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Vocon completes design of 20,000 s/f HQ office for Compass

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NEW YORK, NY Vocon, an architectural and design firm, has completed the design for the 20,000 s/f New York City headquarters office of Compass at 90 4th Ave. Tri Star Construction Corp. was the builder.

Compass, a residential real estate brokerage firm, sought a design strategy that would create a multi-functional space positioned to accommodate brokers and staff, activities, internal meetings and formal events. Compass wanted an office that was visually open and with diverse environments that would foster work, collaboration and creativity.

The Vocon design team achieved this goal by striking a balance of different spaces. By offering settings for a variety of different experiences within the workday, the space enhances innovation and collaboration. The Vocon team designed a series of interlocking zones that include a central collaboration zone, interconnecting stairs, a work café, and ancillary coffee bars.

The central collaboration zone, centered in the open office environment, provides a spatial break that visually enhances the open office while providing teams with refuge spaces for both private and group collaboration.

The Vocon team re-branded the fire stairs in the space as both a means of egress and a tool to connect the floors experientially. Vocon added a moss wall and media center, as well as other spaces that foster incidental moments throughout the day.

The work café Vocon designed for Compass welcomes employees provides a space to host activities. Vocon included movable furniture, private booths, a game room + rejuvenation lounge, and full AV equipment for presentations. Vocon also created smaller coffee hubs placed strategically near the interconnecting stair, to provide employees with the amenities they need while freeing more area for huddle rooms and private spaces.

“It was exciting to work with Compass and its team to create a dynamic new workspace,” said Debbie Donley, founder and principal at Vocon. “We are pleased to help advance Compass’ mission by creating a productive and energetic workspace for employees and clients.”

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