



## **Vocon completes design of Droga5's 40,000 s/f headquarters at 120 Wall St.**

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New York, NY Vocon has completed the design of three floors for Droga5, an advertising agency, to accommodate their growth at 120 Wall St. The 40,000 s/f project spans floors 7, 8 and 9 and features a staircase connecting floors 9 and 10.

The 9th floor offered an opportunity to bridge the gap between the existing Droga5 offices and the new space. Vocon created a large-format pantry area and informal lounge seating that encourages collaboration and impromptu meetings while promoting cultural events within Droga5's daily office activity. Droga5's founder, David Droga, often addresses the company from the 9th floor, speaking to team members gathered on the 9th and 10th floors. Vocon's design not only connected the old and the new spaces but also served multiple functional purposes.

Vocon utilized its advanced virtual reality and AI technology to create a model of the staircase and surrounding stadium seating. This modeling allowed Droga to envision the space and make changes to the design to maximize the community space. The staircase can be used as seating throughout the day and incorporates a large projector and screen that can be easily seen from both the 9th and 10th floors during all-hands meetings. The space opens into a large cafe area and community space, allowing the staircase to unite both floors and feel like the operational heart of the Droga5 headquarters.

The Vocon team, led by Kate McGoldrick, senior project designer, and Patrick Wong, senior technical designers, utilized the typical Droga5 design elements of high-contrast colors of black and white, walnut, concrete floors and metal accents for a sophisticated and warm industrial feel. The design team also incorporated the client's brand palette with shades of blue throughout the space, working to ensure that the project continues the company branding and design choices on the other floors. The layout's mix of open space and offices was selected to create clearly-defined areas for client interfacing, collaboration, and production.

"We are excited to continue our collaboration with Droga5 as it continues to grow," said McGoldrick. "The project's design reflects Droga 5's established design choice while incorporating new architectural decisions, such as the staircase, and we look forward to seeing Droga5 evolve in their new space."

Vocon and Droga5 have collaborated on the ad agency's headquarters since 2014. The two firms first worked together in 2014, when Vocon completed the 14th-floor office space redesign. They also

collaborated on the 2nd floor, which serves primarily as an AV editing floor and provides support for Droga5's mixed-media production for clients. Floors 7 and 8 follow in Droga5's previous spaces in providing a mix of open office space with lounge seating, perimeter offices, and flexible meeting spaces, as well as pantry space on each floor.

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