



INNOVANT CASE STUDY

CLIENT: National Bank Financial Group

DESIGNER: WZMH Architects

LOCATION: Toronto, Canada

FEATURED PRODUCT: FORm_office



THE CHALLENGE

When the Financial Markets division of Canada's National Bank Financial Group secured 35,000 square feet of naturally lit, unobstructed space in the former Toronto Stock Exchange, it fulfilled its goal of housing all 155 of its employees in a single trading floor.

The move to unite its expertise in fixed income, equity, derivatives and foreign exchange operations into a single environment signaled the bank's unwavering commitment to delivering integrated services to its capital market customers. The design of the new space would aim to accommodate the diverse needs of the expertise groups, yet lend itself to a collaborative environment that would embody NBF's "one bank, one client" philosophy.



THE INNOVANT SOLUTION

Innovant partnered closely with the client team, which included architectural practice WZMH, to develop a tailored configuration of the FORm_office benching system. Several collaborative rounds of prototyping and review led to an installation that includes trading desk workstations connected to the bank's centralized, high density blade computing environment.

With employee productivity considered a top priority, Innovant designed several unique solutions, including adjustable height desks and three variations of storage pedestals. The first, with a cushion for seating, fosters at-desk collaboration. The second, set flush against the desk, supports an extended work surface, while the third, sitting slightly lower, slides easily under the desk to provide additional storage. Finally, special attention was given to finishing details: accent end-caps incorporated the bank's colors to visually unify the trading floor and add a brand element to the space.

THE RESULT

National Bank Financial Group has created a state-of-the-art environment for its Financial Markets division that enables its employees to deliver on what the bank does best: achieving financial success for its customers.