

Total Architecture, Total Design

The Aztec Corporation wants to make one distinction clear, “We are business people doing design not designers doing business.” That strategy has served Aztec well since it opened its doors in 1993 with six partners. Equipped with a new approach as facility masterplanners, the group set out to build a full-service architectural interior design firm.

Today, with seven partners and a total of 32 employees, Aztec has built a solid reputation for its expertise in what it has termed “Total Architecture,” which features an integrated array of comprehensive services including Interior Architectural Design, Base Building Architecture, Complete Project Management, Facility Master Planning, Relocation Execution Management, On-Going Facility Management and Facility Asset Planning Services, “We focus on interiors, but we also provide Base Building Architectural Services from the ground up,” explains Barbara Burke principal. “We assist our clients in determining the exact amount of square footage required to meet their business plan, whether they are relocating, expanding or downsizing.” Aztec also assists building owners in the marketing and planning solutions that work for prospective tenants. Over the years, its services have been enhanced to meet the needs of a diverse marketplace. Some of Aztec’s clients are Pearson Education, Rothstein Kass & Co., GVA Williams, CBRE, C&W, Jones Lang LaSalle, Palisades Safety & Insurance and Maidenform.

Last year Aztec tackled one of its most unique projects, designing the first U.S. cafe for Nestle Nespresso. The cafe and boutique, located at 759 Madison Avenue in New York City, “revolutionized the preparation of coffee to create a distinctive coffee experience,” says Aztec principal, David Fournier.

Aztec was simultaneously busy designing Acuity Brands Lighting’s new interactive showroom in New York City. At least one principal is involved in each of the firm’s projects.

Aztec is prepared to meet any and all client needs. It anticipates more of a focus on the greening of design as clients become more environmentally aware in planning their spaces, choosing ecologically sound solutions that meet LEED Certification. “We encourage continued education and training for our employees and maintain high standards for current technology. Our speed and efficiency get us hired,” says Burke.

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