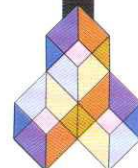


CREATIVE ENDEAVOUR!



INTERICS ARCHITECTS HAVE EXTENSIVELY
USED CERTIFIED AND SUSTAINABLE
CANADIAN WOOD TO CREATE A WARM AND
VISUALLY APPEALING OFFICE FOR
FII, IN MUMBAI.

Text: Saburi Vilankar **Photographs:** Courtesy the Firm



1 Haida Moon Mask from the First Nations, welcomes visitors at the entrance, surrounded by western red cedar panelling.

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orestry Innovation Investment (FII)'s office also known as Canadian Wood's office in Mumbai is a creatively designed workstation-cum-display centre with meeting rooms intermingle with display and informal gathering areas, allowing the space to serve double duty as a workplace and showroom.

Forestry Innovation Consulting India Pvt. Ltd. is a non-profit market development agency for Canadian Wood lumber primarily from British Columbia. This 2,718 sq. ft. office space located in the Naman Midtown Towers, also comprises of 1,628 sq. ft. of a display center for Canadian Wood.

Designed by **Interics Architects**, the office sees clean segregation of spaces. Adding more insight the architect says, "They were particular that they wanted a well-efficient space designed using major B. C. timber in wide range for decorative and functional elements. The main concept of designing this project was to include the display and function area leading through the office space. So that both spaces can be utilised to engage and motivate the visitors to go through varied B. C. wood species and also update them on emerging building trends. One can also admire solid wooden doors, windows, furniture and a pergola, which are designed using renewable, sustainable, certified B.C. species."





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Functional yet seamlessly
designed display center.

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Entrance to the new office has
SPF ceiling and Western Red
Cedar panelling.

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The panelling in this room
is done in Clean Western
Hemlock.

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Sample living and dining room
is designed with Hemlock
furniture and panelling.

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As one enters the office, the visitors are greeted by the Haida Moon Mask from First Nations carved from Yellow Cedar. The walls and desks of the reception area are done-up in Red Cedar Clear panelling and Spruce-Pine-Fir (SPF) knotty panelling on the ceiling with transparent coating given to it to maintain its natural colour. The sofas and coffee tables are designed using structural grade SPF with a coat of both light and darker brown stains.

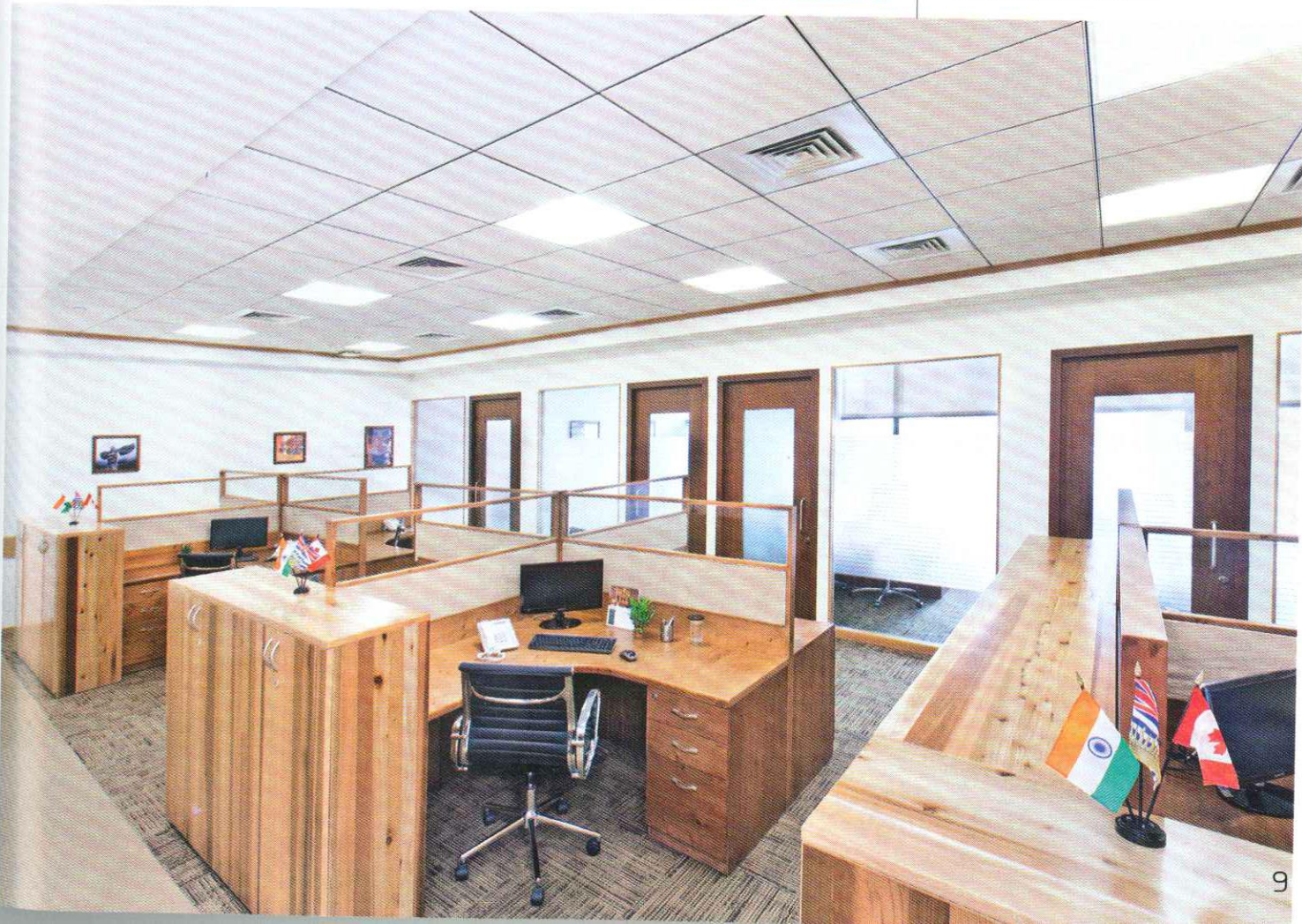


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Reception table is also designed using the Western Red Cedar panelling.

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The minimalistic employee friendly workplace is well-connected to senior cabins for easy flow of work.



The effective solid wooden window in German tilt and turn style are showcased in one corner.

All senior level cabins and meeting rooms are designed with varied patterned style carpet flooring.

Ahead of the reception are the two meeting rooms with the larger Western Hemlock room having capacity of 10-12 people and the smaller Douglas-fir room having capacity of six people. Both the rooms are equipped with the state-of-the-art technology.

The working table has been designed in darker shade to contrast with the wall panelling, which is in light colour, while the Douglas-fir table has clear finish with stunning grain pattern.

The doors and frames throughout the office is made up of Douglas-fir, that is reproduced by selecting and drying suitable pieces from merchantable grade stock. The same low grade Douglas-fir is also used to produce the table in the Douglas-fir room and the skirtings, architraves and decorative mouldings, which are featured in the interiors of all rooms.





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Both the senior cabins and the meeting room are well-designed with carpet flooring.

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One of the meeting room near the workstation area can be used for brainstorming purpose.

To the left of the reception area, is the main functioning office space. Designed by extensively using solid timber, the work stations and furniture lend their own charm to this area. Cupboards and storage cabinates are made up of dry, solid, edge glued STK (Select Tight Knot) Western Red Cedar (WRC) for the tops and the doors are laminated with edge-glued WRC panels. Adjacent to the workstation area are four internal offices, which have floor-to-ceiling windows for flow of ample natural light.

All the furnitures in this internal offices are matched with the workstations furniture and designed with SPF and same colour combination.

In all, this office has been designed using eco-friendly materials and is an employee and consumer-friendly space with sound dampening and insulation.

Truly an appreciable effort! ■

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