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Spruce Goose PLAYA VISTA, CALIFORNIA

**ZGF PARTNERED WITH GOOGLE TO TRANSFORM THE LANDMARK SPRUCE GOOSE HANGAR IN PLAYA VISTA, CALIFORNIA. A 450,000+ SF, FOUR-LEVEL “BUILDING-WITHIN-A-BUILDING” WAS DEVELOPED INSIDE THE SEVEN-STORY, 750-FOOT-LONG HISTORIC WOODEN STRUCTURE.**

Built by Howard Hughes in 1943 for the construction of the Hercules IV airplane (aka the “Spruce Goose”), the hangar now comprises office, meeting, food service and event spaces, and employee amenity spaces. Located between two existing Google sites, the client sought to unify their Playa Vista campus and bring a fresh perspective to workplace design through the venue’s adaptive reuse. Given the nature of the client organization and the rich history of the building, the project demanded a wholly unique design approach and

the extensive restoration of the original wood frame. The new architecture is set within the vast, open volumes of the hangar on either side of its fully restored central spine. A highly iterative exploration between design team and client resulted in a dynamic configuration of open floor plates that are pulled away from both the interior envelope and the central spine. The varied shaping of each floor allows daylight to penetrate every level and maintains clear sight lines spanning the full length of the building, putting the magnitude and workmanship of the historic structure on display. The new floor plates hold workspaces and engage strategically with the central spine, which houses collaboration and café spaces.













