



EXPENSIFY

Portland Office PORTLAND, OREGON

EXPENSIFY, A DYNAMIC TECHNOLOGY COMPANY, DECIDED TO EXPAND ITS OPERATIONS TO PORTLAND AND LOCATE IN THE HISTORIC FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING DOWNTOWN.

ZGF worked closely with the CEO to bring his vision of creating an inspiring workplace environment to life. With a soaring four-story atrium, classic columns, giant bank vaults, extensive marble and glass, and brass fixtures, the Art Deco space is ornate and striking.

Foregoing traditional workstations, Expensify's mantra to employees is "choose your own adventure," which is supported by a work environment with no assigned seating but a wide variety of comfortable places to work. Options range from lounge seating with soft sofas and chairs, to smaller meeting rooms, to long conference tables that are ideal for larger team efforts. The former

bank vaults have been repurposed to serve as private meeting spaces. Through hidden doors, staff can discover and explore the salon, an area offering refuge and refreshments with speakeasy-quality finishes.

A primary design feature is a multilevel staircase-and-workspace structure that takes advantage of the otherwise unusable atrium and invokes the concept of a stout tree with sturdy branches. Flights of wood stairs connecting to upper floors are flanked by brass-clad workspaces—both open and enclosed. This image is reinforced by a suspended chaise that hangs from the lowest workspace, just like a tree swing.





