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WORKPLACE DESIGN BRILLIANCE

Case Study of:

## ITM

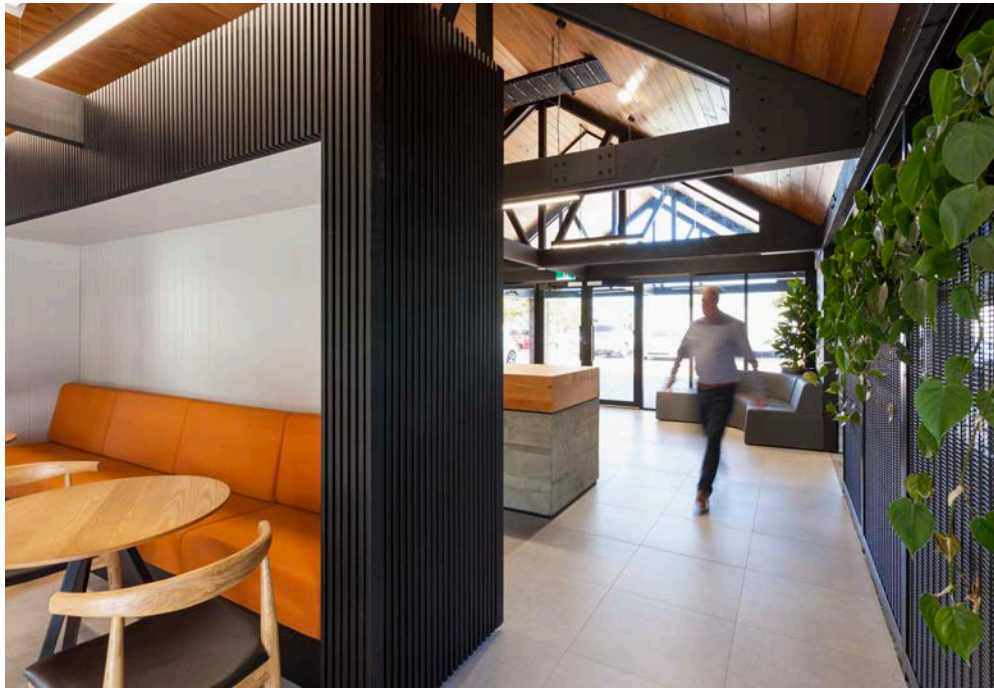
At a glance

People: 41

Size: 850 sqm

Services supplied

Design & Build services



## ITM

ITM is NZ's largest timber co-operative, with 95 independently, locally owned timber merchants, throughout the country. ITM as a business had grown significantly over the years, but the support office had not. Providing the perfect opportunity to cater to ITM's expanding needs, creating a more relevant, modern, collaborative and open plan workplace.

The new fit-out needed to reflect ITM's professionalism without departing too far from the timber yard and muddy gumboots. A careful balance was required! ITM's vision, mission and values created an initial platform for the design to spring from. All three involved building valuable relationships - people first. So, bringing the team together into a unified work zone was paramount.

With ITM's essentially flat structure, there was only the need to have two separate offices built, with the rest of the team in open plan. Quieter spaces are located to the rear of the building accommodating the main boardroom, working lounge, hot desks, focus rooms, VC meet room and a green recording room. The arrival is a large welcoming area with visual connections to the workspaces and social zones.

Transparency and honesty also another ingredient of the business, was exemplified through the spatial design, giving sight-lines from one end of the office to the other. There are no blockages or concealed zones, allowing for more fluid interaction across the whole support office. Steel and timber screens, with vision through, provide the necessary requirements for utilities, spatial definition and acoustics. ITM prides itself on supporting local communities - the focus is LOCAL, NZ local. Products and materials from their local suppliers and contacts were utilised throughout the fit-out.

Combining ITM's family culture of people first with the rich aesthetic fabric of their building and timber industry, a desirable, unique workplace, fulfilling their needs and dreams, was collaboratively achieved. A classic timeless upgrade to a unique building has seen this workspace transformed into a modern but historically relatable place.



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