

UNIFOR OFFICE SYSTEMS

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→ UNIFOR AUSTRALIA PTY LTD WITH THEIR PARTNERS VITRA PTY LTD ARE PART OF A GLOBAL

company that is without question, the market leader in the design, manufacture and supply of office workstations, storage systems and furniture solutions. Their office systems are manufactured to the highest standards and environmental criteria and as a result Lend Lease sought their assistance in providing quality designed and functional work stations and office solutions for the project at 30 The Bond.

In keeping with the open and clear lines of sight within the building and following closely the design criteria, Unifor provided modular and flexible units, manufactured by Vitra that were installed within the office areas to ensure efficiency and practicality, and maintain the quality of the working environment; one of the original aspirations identified by Lend Lease staff. The provision of workstations that suited this purpose, but were also manufactured to the highest quality was of great importance. The environmental credentials of the workstations and units supplied were also tested to ensure they met with the strict criteria for all materials and processes used throughout the development.

Unifor is a privately owned company based Turate in Italy, outside Milano, with an annual turnover of US\$400 million. They have operations that span the globe and this is clearly illustrated by some of their recently completed projects overseas. From Hong Kong Telecom where they installed 10,000 work points to Ferrari in Modena Italy, to Cartier Foundation in Paris and JP Morgan Chase in London.

Locally, Unifor Australia has been in operation since 1987, and they became partners with Vitra in 1993, together they have maintained a policy of direct company to company contracts as well as local content. Recently they have been involved in work with the Bureau of Meteorology in Melbourne installing 1000 work points, BHP Billiton Global HQ, (Melb), Installing 1200 work points, Corrs Chambers Wessgarth, (Syd, Melb) 1000 work points and American Express in Sydney where they installed 2000 work points.

All product supplied by Unifor is manufactured by Unifor or their partners. This is a core policy of Unifor to ensure the high standard and quality of their office solutions.

Importantly, through Unifor Australia, the local component of product manufactured now constitutes up to 90% on some major projects. As part of its operations, Unifor Australia currently maintain close to 3 million dollars of stock, on call, to service major corporate clients with the utmost speed and efficiency.

Unifor and Vitra's involvement in the project at 30 The Bond ensured that the office work point, storage and seating solutions were of the highest standard and quality meeting all the specified requirements. In this respect Unifor and Vitra have been proud to assist Lend Lease in delivering an interior climate of exceptional quality that is also pleasant to work in.

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