

Sede Corporativa Cuatrecasas

Barcelona, Spain

Elegant seats with USB connection and silent foldaway table for meetings and conferences

The new corporate building in the 22@ district in Barcelona is designed by GCA Architects, one of the Catalan Studios which has won the most awards on an international scale. The corporate headquarters of Cuatrecasas Lawyers is set to be a milestone in the new technological district of the city.



Technical details:

Name: Sede Corporativa Cuatrecasas

Ubication: Barcelona, Spain

Architect: GCA Architects

Year: 2016

Property: Diagonal 191

Total surface area: 28.000m²

Capacity: 200 seats

Product: 6076 Flex

Made up of two towers (72 metres high), consisting of three clearly differentiated blocks, it has become a new tribute building that completes the extraordinary skyline around the Torre Agbar.

The two towers, consisting of 11 and 18 floors, are joined together by a large triple level glassed atrium, housing the reception and common areas, notably the 200 seat auditorium, the restaurant and the fitness centre. At the 7th floor the West tower has a dramatic side shift, creating on one side a cornice over the street and, on the other side, allowing room for a decked garden area. The façade is modular, covered in an aluminium frame to provide privacy and protect the interior from direct sunlight, however in the upper block this frame disappears, as given the height, there is no need for extra privacy.





Challenge and solutions

The exterior architecture marks the style of interior design. A calm and sober atmosphere can be breathed in the areas designed for client visits, public events and employee training thanks to the use of superior and elegant materials. The natural hazy or direct light floods into all the areas. The Auditorium continues with the same homogeneous line, avoiding excesses, and shows impeccable sobriety.

All the Figueras' seats in this Auditorium include electrical connections on the inner part of the side panels. Some are located on the rear of their backrests to be used by people with reduced mobility. In addition, the first few rows of seats provide the occupants with an audio outlet and a microphone. For this reason, various technical outlets are set throughout the floor of the auditorium, as well as air conditioning outlets. The close collaboration between the architects and the Figueras' CAD team allowed for a meticulous installation that smoothly integrated these outlets and junction boxes. In addition, the seats are adapted to the slight 3% gradient of the auditorium, which was achieved with a special base designed for that particular requirement.

Product supplied

The chosen seat had to reflect the Cuatrecasas personality suggesting the same elegance, distinction and straight lines as the rest of the building. The selection was made easy: the same model which furnishes the law firm's Madrid offices and which met all these requirements. The Figueras 6076 Flex model is characterised by a unique and elegant design with great aesthetics. The rows formed by this model provide perfect linearity and continuity. When seats are vacated, they retract and are perfectly aligned with the front part and the top of the side panel. Incorporating a silent polyurethane lectern into the armrest, they can also be used for work sessions. The seats were upholstered in faux leather, a key feature for a building LEED certified with the GOLD category.

