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Cool Offices

## Cool Offices: Morrissey Hospitality ditches corporate tower for casual office suite

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*Editor's note: The Business Journal will continue publishing our weekly Cool Offices feature, recognizing that many of these offices may be empty for a while as companies offer remote-work options for their teams.*



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Morrissey Hospitality Cos. Inc. updated its brand by moving into a new office that more closely aligns with the company's culture.

President Richard Dobransky said the company's old office, located on the 24th floor of the Landmark Towers in St. Paul, was a very corporate space.

"We thought moving would be a good opportunity to get our ties off and get out of a corporate environment so our employees could feel more comfortable," Dobransky said. "It was about making our office and culture more geared towards hospitality."

The new headquarters, located in the St. Paul building, is designed to inspire the company's employees and visitors by exhibiting hospitality throughout the space. The office reflects the fact that the hospitality industry has become more casual, Dobransky said.

Stephany Eaton of PureAlchemy Design revamped the space so it could function as an office, while providing common areas that work for hosted events. A glass corridor splits the office and allows guests to make their way to the entertainment space, without interrupting employees working at their desks.

The wide walkways in the office were originally designed to maximize daylight, but now have the added benefit of optimizing social distancing among the company's employees. Each workstation has short walls and is capped with a live plant. The plants are visually appealing, improve air quality and dampen sound in the work area.

"The result is a dynamic and engaging office space that is a modern interpretation of the company history," Eaton said. "The feel of the office is rich and true to the company's brand."

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Business: Hospitality ownership and management company

President: Richard Dobransky

Employees in the office: 16

Building: St. Paul Building

Address: 6 W. Fifth St., Suite 400, St. Paul

Office opened: March 2020

Size: 4,495-square-feet

Floor: Fourth

General contractor: Viking Construction

Interior designer: Stephany Eaton, PureAlchemy Design

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*Do you work in a Twin Cities-area Cool Office? If so, send 12-16 high-resolution photos (Dropbox is best for easy sharing) and a description of the space including its location, size, use, features, technology, employee count, designer and builder to Carter Jones ([cjones@bizjournals.com](mailto:cjones@bizjournals.com)) for consideration.*

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