

## Wirt Design Group, Inc.

Northwestern Mutual Financial Group  
Los Angeles, California



What makes people feel secure? Since 1857, the subsidiaries of Northwestern Mutual Financial Group have helped clients manage financial risk and achieve financial security through insurance and investment products. To express Northwestern Mutual's concept of a "solid foundation" in a new, two-floor, 45,000-square-foot Los Angeles office, Wirt Design Group has designed its environment to project an overall sense of unity and strength while accommodating the individual consulting financial advisors who lease space from the company for themselves and their junior

team and administrative and support staff. Thus, the design's contemporary "building block" motif highlights the public spaces in a facility that includes a reception area with a dramatic, interconnecting stair, perimeter private offices, open administrative areas, a conference center with conference rooms, breakout rooms and informal lounges, a training center and a lunchroom. Materials and furnishings likewise reinforce the sense of security. Such finishes as limestone, cherry wood veneer, granite, Venetian plaster, stainless steel and glass are combined with contemporary furniture,

custom millwork, a neutral color scheme with vivid blue and green accents, and natural lighting that penetrates deep into interior areas to create a timeless environment that nevertheless captures the restless energy of the metropolis it serves.

**Top right:** Corridor.

**Top left:** Executive reception.

**Above:** Stairs and waiting area.

**Lower right:** Private office.

**Bottom right:** Open administrative area.

**Opposite:** Reception.

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