

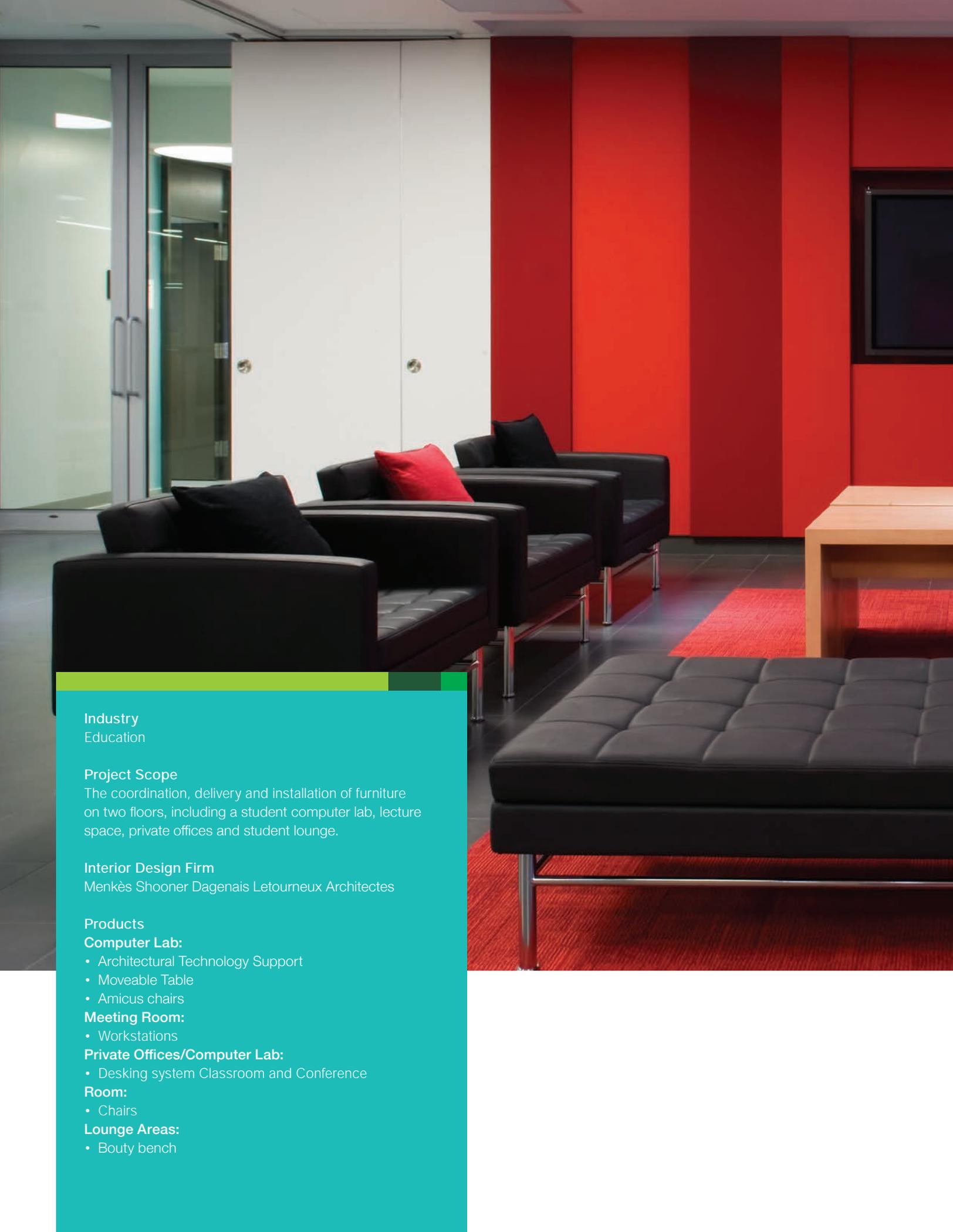
WORKSPACE  
**Interiors**  
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Project Profile:

Desautels  
Faculty Of  
Management  
McGill





**Industry**  
Education

**Project Scope**

The coordination, delivery and installation of furniture on two floors, including a student computer lab, lecture space, private offices and student lounge.

**Interior Design Firm**

Menkès Shooner Dagenais Letourneux Architectes

**Products**

**Computer Lab:**

- Architectural Technology Support
- Moveable Table
- Amicus chairs

**Meeting Room:**

- Workstations

**Private Offices/Computer Lab:**

- Desking system Classroom and Conference

**Room:**

- Chairs

**Lounge Areas:**

- Bouty bench



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*Manager of Special Projects,  
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## The Challenge

The University's Desautels Faculty of Management needed to redesign two spaces—the Concourse catering to 2,500 young Bachelor of Commerce students; and, the third floor housing 425 Masters students all with several years of business world experience. Both floors required classrooms, offices, student lounges, meeting rooms, computer labs, and spaces for individual and group study, yet the demographics called for completely different set-ups. But one thing was clear: all furniture had to be attractive, functional, and able to stand up to active student life. The furniture also had to be environmentally friendly to comply with McGill's sustainability initiatives. McGill consulted several vendors for recommendations, including its longtime desk supplier Workspace Interiors.



## The Solution

Workspace Interiors was selected for its knowledge and experience, product selection and quality, and competitive pricing. After carefully evaluating how each floor would be used, Workspace Interiors worked closely with McGill's project teams and student representatives to develop two distinct concepts reflecting the unique needs of each student group. For the younger concourse-level crowd it's all about collaboration, with sturdy desks and chairs positioned on wheels so they can be moved easily for group projects. Sliding panels can be closed for privacy or opened for teamwork. The student lounge is outfitted with comfortable but durable couches and café-style tables for kicking back or surfing the 'Net. Upstairs the mood is more "professional" to address guest speakers and industry receptions. Meeting rooms and professor's offices are designed to reflect a corporate environment, with efficient chairs, desks and filing cabinets perfectly complementing the stylish décor. In keeping with the green mandate, chairs on both floors are GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified to ensure chemical and particle emissions meet acceptable standards for improved indoor air quality.

- **Efficiency** – Workspace Interiors worked with McGill's representatives to understand their vision and deliver a space that is flexible, fosters collaboration and allows for open communications while maintaining privacy. In addition, the furniture was carefully selected to best suit McGill's two distinct student groups. Desks, chairs, benches and panels are sturdy and maintenance-free to stand up to active student life
- **Control** – By streamlining with Workspace Interiors to access a wide variety of product lines, McGill was able to deal with one partner who understood their business and responded with solutions that best suited McGill's needs
- **Cost Savings** – The price was right, with delivery on time and on budget
- **Support** – Workspace Interiors supported McGill every step of the way, from consultation and space planning to delivery, after sales support and service
- **Sustainability** – The eco-friendly interior solutions further McGill's green goals



“ We are specialists in education and appreciated a partner who could tailor the working and meeting spaces appropriately. Workspace Interiors’s expertise, diverse product portfolio, and support proved the winning combination. ”

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## The Customer

McGill University is one of Canada’s best-known institutions of higher learning. Since opening its doors in 1821, McGill University has grown from a small college to one of the country’s leading research-intensive universities with two campuses, 11 Faculties, some 300 programs of study, and more than 34,000 students. With students coming to McGill from about 160 countries, McGill’s student body is the most internationally diverse of any medical-doctoral university in Canada. The University partners with four affiliated teaching hospitals to graduate more than 1,000 healthcare professionals each year.





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