



## *Opening Up:* Increasing Staff Interaction at Wardrop Engineering

Wardrop engineering provides technical consulting and engineering solutions for a great many sectors. Recognized as one of Canada's top employers, Wardrop prides itself on providing employees with an innovative and comfortable working environment. The company enlisted the help of atWork Office Furniture in order to transform their tradition office space into an open concept environment.

### **The Problem: Lack of Communication**

Wardrop's original office design was dark and dreary. The furniture discouraged staff interaction, wasted valuable floor space, and created a closed in feeling that hindered productivity. In order to provide their employees with a more inviting office space, Wardrop management decided to take an existing warehouse and convert it into a brand new open concept office space, equipped with top-notch workspaces. The only catch – it had to be done in 45 days.

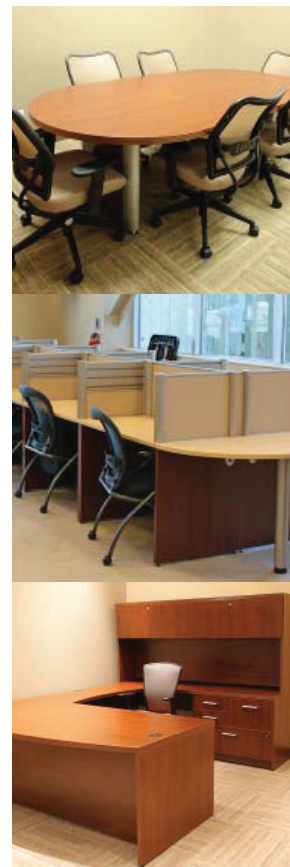
### **The Solution: Upping the Standard**

The Mississauga office design project began as a bit of an experiment. The goal: to create a national furniture standard for all of the Wardrop facilities across Canada. In order to do this, Wardrop needed to find a furniture manufacturer that could provide quality products at affordable prices. After reviewing numerous options, the atWork designers and Wardrop management team decided to go with Tayco furnishings. This manufacture was chosen for their ability to meet the size, scope, and narrow lead time of the Mississauga project.

Tayco's Metropolis Collaborate systems were used to create a true open concept workspace within the warehouse. Large windows and careful workspace placement allowed natural light to penetrate the entire facility, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. A total of 18 private offices were also included in the space to accommodate management professionals.

### **The Results: Improved Interaction**

Even when faced with a tight timeline, the atWork team was able to provide Wardrop with quality service and workstation selection. The Mississauga project perfectly encapsulates the company's innovative nature and provides employees with a space fit for collaboration.



#### **Client**

Wardrop Engineering –  
Mississauga, Ontario

#### **Challenge**

Convert a warehouse into an open concept office design in 45 days

#### **Products**

Tayco furnishings  
(Cosmopolitan Systems,  
Metropolis Collaborate,  
Metropolis Professional,  
Metropolis Storage)

#### **Results**

121 Workstations  
18 Private Offices  
6 Meetings Rooms  
1 Reception  
8 Hotelling Stations

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## Enabling Office Expansion:

## Gates Canada's Office Design Story

Modest beginnings didn't stop the Gates Corporation, a Denver, CO based company, has grown into one of the world's largest manufacturers of industrial and automotive products. While there were probably periods of growing pains, the company's Canadian branch had no difficulty settling into a redesign office space in Ancaster, Ontario thanks to professional design and installation services from the atWork Office Furniture team.

### The Problem: Reconfiguring an Open-Office Design

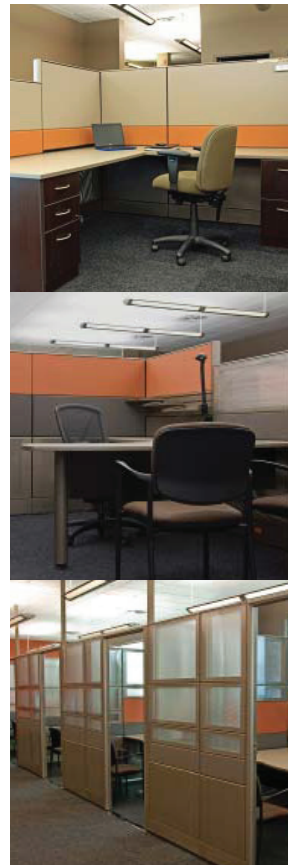
Uniting corporate management with the engineering department inside Gates' Canadian head office posed a bit of a design problem initially. The original office layout consisted of mostly open concept workstations. While this served the needs of the engineers, management required a more traditional private office arrangement.

### The Solution: Building Walls Without Blowing Budgets

The original layout of the Gates Canada office featured a wide range of Cosmopolitan and Metropolis workspace and storage systems. A popular choice for many of atWork's corporate clients, these systems offer a seemingly endless variety of configuration options. Cosmopolitan's versatility enabled atWork's team of designers to reconfigure the existing open concept workstations into fully enclosed private offices. This new arrangement was complimented by the purchase of an additional sixteen engineering workstations designed to meet the needs of this highly collaborative department.

### The Results: Seamless Integration

Had Gates decided to work with another office furniture provider they may have encountered a costly and time consuming office renovation. Thanks to atWork's offering of versatile furnishings, Gates Canada was able to quickly and efficiently reconfigure their offices to suit both the traditional needs of the management staff, and the more modern sensibilities of the company's engineering team.



#### Client

Gates Canada –  
Ancaster, ON

#### Challenge

Combining open  
concept with traditional  
office spaces

#### Products

Cosmopolitan Systems  
and Metropolis Storage

#### Results

16 Workstations  
12 Private Offices  
1 Conference Room

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## *Colour and Creativity:* INNOCEAN's Delightful Toronto Office Design

INNOCEAN began as a small creative agency in Asia. With their innovative ideas and quirky attitude, this fresh-faced company quickly expanded, opening international offices in a number of eclectic neighbourhoods. When it came time to design their west-end Toronto offices, INNOCEAN turned to the X-Design team and atWork's office furniture showroom in order to create a funky yet functional space.

### **The Problem: Blending Bold Ideas with Functionality**

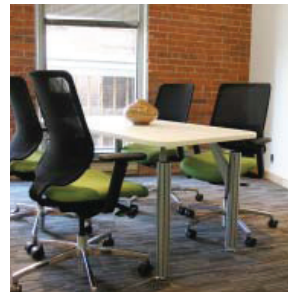
When it came time to equip INNOCEAN's Toronto studio, atWork's extensive office furniture showroom provided solutions that suited both the youthful feel of the company and the unique charm of their Toronto office building. Great architectural features like exposed brick and big, bright windows helped inspire the X-Design design team to create a space that was as vibrant as the company's corporate identity.

### **The Solution: Industrial Attitude**

The X-Design team immediately gravitated towards atWork's selection of Tayco and Boss Designs when creating the concepts for INNOCEAN's west-end office. The space was cleverly outfitted using the UP post and beam system, which included some great chrome accents and crisp white workspaces. These systems were used throughout the private offices, meetings rooms, and open concept work areas. In order to add a punch of colour and corporate branding, atWork ordered custom Boss Design seating products outfitted with INNOCEAN's distinct orange accent colour. These comfortable and ergonomic options were used to resolve task, executive, conference, guest, and lounge applications throughout the space.

### **The Results: An Inspired Workspace**

INNOCEAN's west-end Toronto office is a true representation of the company's creativity. Bright, open, and infused with fun, INNOCEAN's west-end office design proves that you don't have to sacrifice style for function.



#### **Client**

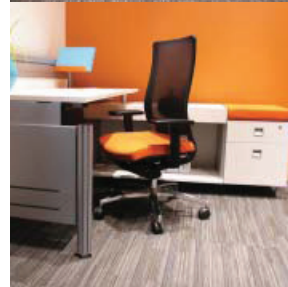
INNOCEAN –  
Toronto, Ontario

#### **Challenge**

Creating a fun, yet functional design

#### **Products**

Tayco and Boss Designs  
(UP post and beam system, Moneypenny task chair, Lily mesh task chair, Choo lounge chair)



#### **Results**

17 Workstations  
12 Private Offices  
4 Meetings Rooms  
2 Lunch Rooms

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