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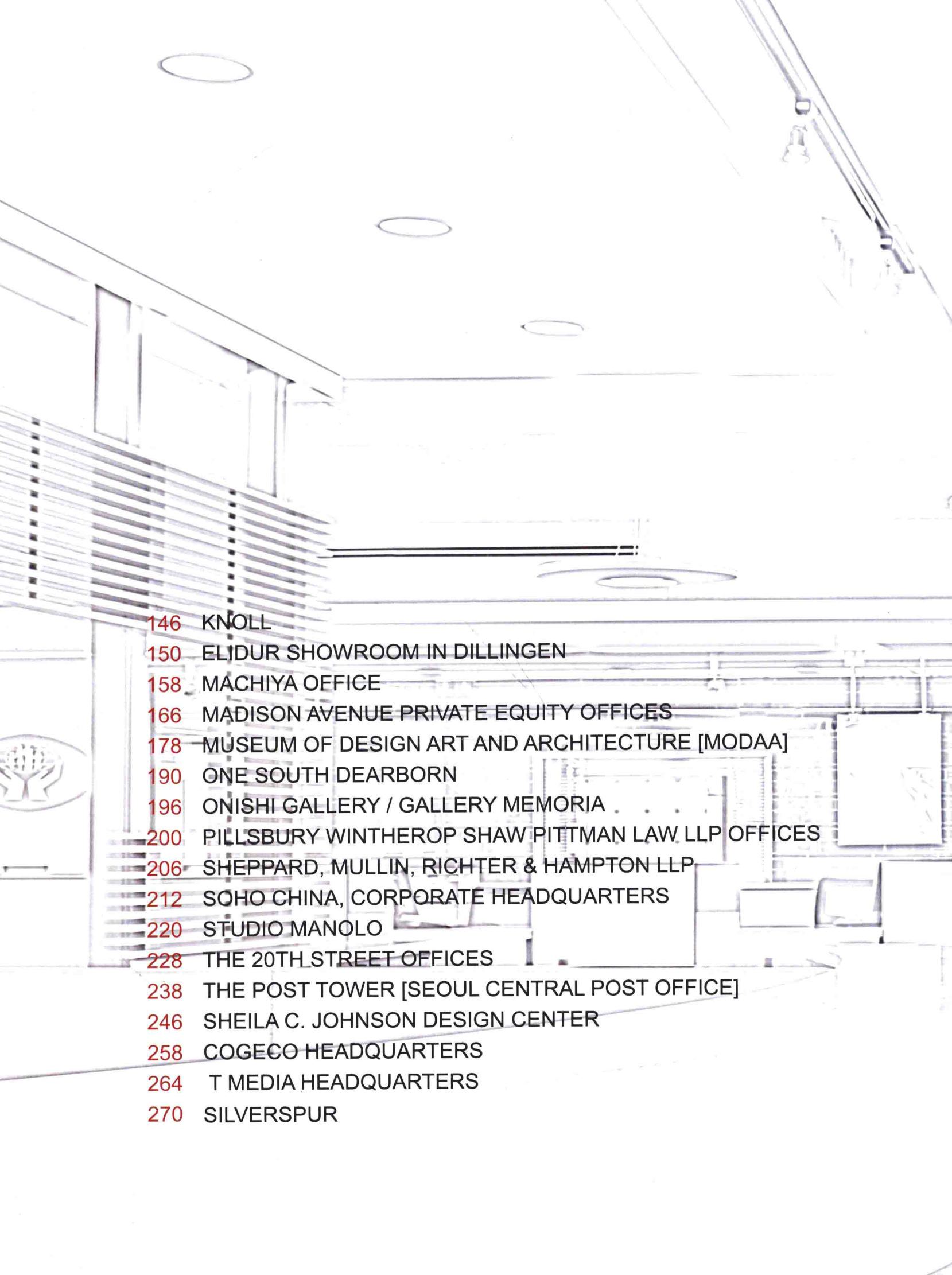
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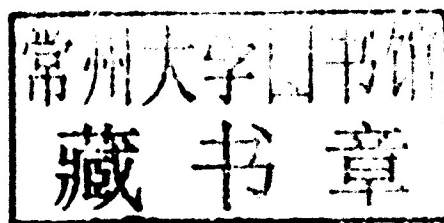
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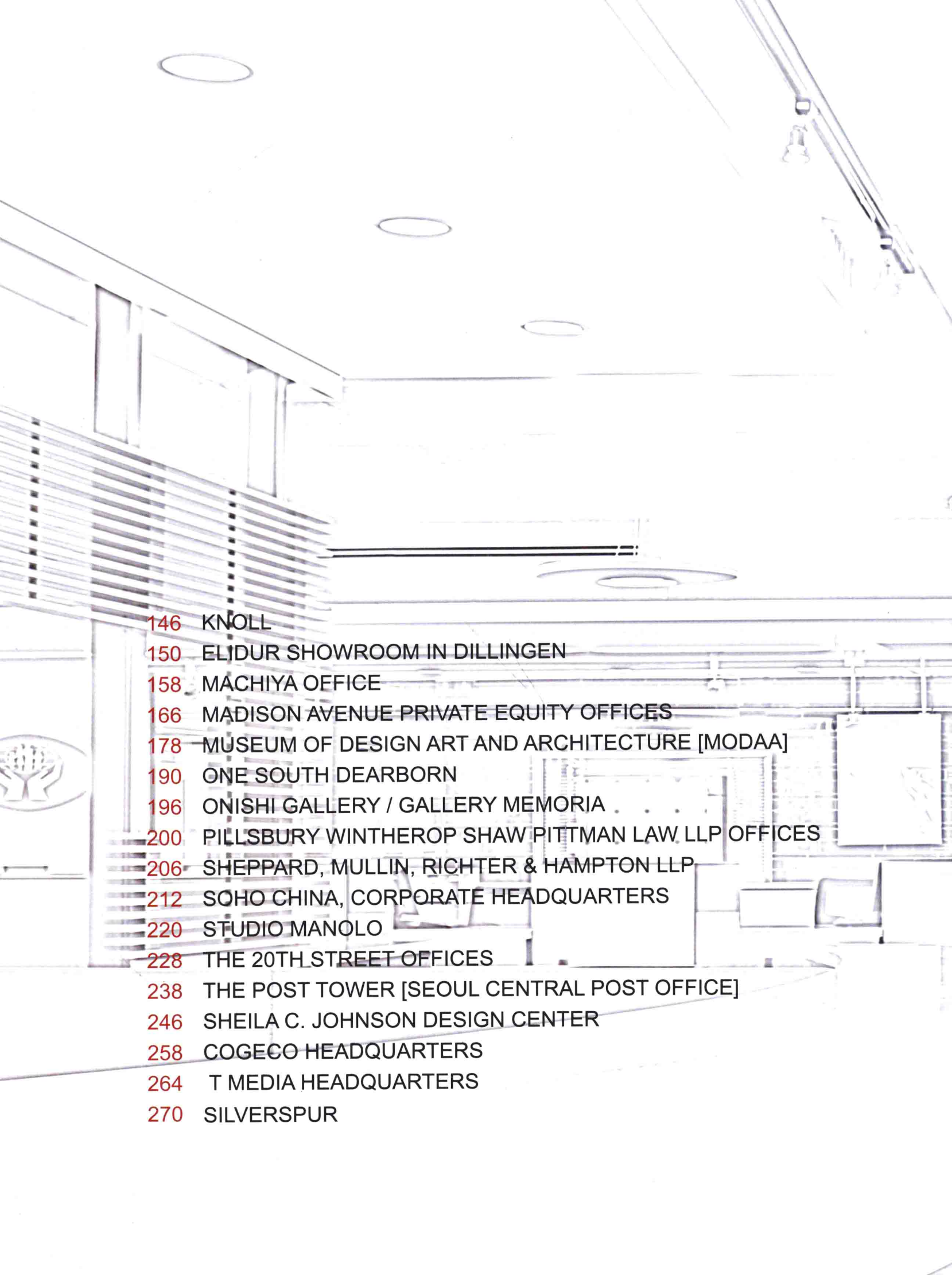
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PROJECT

# ABN AMRO PLAZA

Location Chicago, Illinois, USA  
Architect DeStefano and Partners, Ltd.

Dynamic geometry, orientation and modern architectural expression create a distinct skyline presence for this corporate headquarters and banking operations center, the first phase of a two-phase, 2.5 million square feet twin tower development. Sited on the property to maximize views from the completed 1.3 million square feet Phase One tower and the future Phase Two tower, the design also offers a generously landscaped public entry plaza at ground level. The multi-level lobby areas are designed to accommodate both public amenities and bank security requirements by creating a public retail arcade connecting two major east-west streets at ground level and a separate secured lobby for bank personnel at the mezzanine level.





The first tower rises from a six-story base, providing large floor plates for operations functions. The tower's wedge shape leaves an open, "green" roof area, which will eventually be nestled between the two towers. The design also provides a generously landscaped public plaza at ground level, preserving a sense of openness in a dense downtown area. Bank security requirements are addressed by a multi-level lobby, which provides a separate, secured lobby for bank personnel on the mezzanine and accommodates public amenities with a public retail arcade connecting two major east-west streets at ground level.

Technology was the defining design challenge for this project. The design employs the latest developments in building technology, including: an underfloor plenum system as the primary air displacement system; raised floor technology for distribution of low voltage building controls, modular electrical, data and telecommunication systems to facilitate the support of computer-based management systems, trading floor options, and mission-critical operations; facility hardening and redundancy; high-speed internet connectivity through the building to all other domestic and international corporate facilities; and multiple technology risers for reliability and redundancy.

The single-tenant program allows for maximum use of building technology to create flexible and adaptable work environments. Large, open office spaces — typical floors range from approximately 37,000 to 60,350 gross square feet — are designed to be easily and efficiently adapted to multiple space plan configurations. Office space includes raised accessible floors, 9'6" high ceilings with indirect lighting, and multiple risers supporting extensive, high-speed telecommunications networks and redundancy systems. The building is only the second to be built in Chicago with an underfloor plenum air distribution system, promoting energy efficiency and long-term operational savings.

DeStefano and Partners, Ltd. was Architect and lead consultant for this phased development and provided planning and site development services for both phases. The firm provided management oversight, process integration, design coordination and project scheduling for multiple engineering and specialty consultants including base building design, tenant fit-out, site planning, landscaping, information technology, food service, building management, security and controls system.







# **AQUILON CAPITAL CORPORATION OFFICES**

Location Toronto, Canada  
Architect Taylor Smyth Architects

Michael Taylor designed the original offices ten years ago for the partners of Aquilon under their previous name of the MMI Group. Having outgrown their 3,500 square feet premises, they contacted him to design their new 25,000 square feet offices in a full floor of the newly constructed SAS building, the first LEED™ accredited "green" office building to be built in Toronto. The building uses about 30 per cent less energy than conventional buildings, incorporating such energy-efficient measures as underfloor heating and cooling and rainwater recovery and storage.



