

Standard Chartered Bank HQ

Westlands Road, Nairobi, Kenya



Project summary

The client demanded an optimized restack of their existing Head Office building to support a hybrid workforce, aiming to deliver "Twice the Experience in Half the Space". As the design team, we were tasked to deliver a highly refined interior architectural program. The executed project completely transformed the Ground, 5th, and 6th floors, introducing open neighborhood workpoints, state-of-the-art meeting rooms, a modern staff canteen, wellness studios, a multi-faith room, and a specialized "Guru Bar" tech hub. Strategically relocated to the Fifth Floor, the Guru Bar serves as a centralized, highly accessible tech support anchor for the primary working floors.

Interior Design Concept_A JOURNEY THROUGH KENYA

The interior environment acts as a tribute to the natural landscapes, vibrant city life, and rich heritage of the host country. By drawing from the diverse environments of Kenya, we managed to create interior spaces that reflect a highly coherent design language. Each executed floor embodies a distinct conceptual identity that elevates the user's atmospheric experience.

Ground Floor (Culture): Designed to let users experience the country's natural rhythm. This is achieved through inspirations drawn from local basket weaving culture and the vibrant urban energy of "Kanairo" (Nairobi).

Fifth Floor (Vegetation): Characterized by hues and textures inspired by beautiful rolling hills carpeted in neat, bright green tea bushes.

Sixth Floor (Coastline): Captures the serene essence of powder-soft sand and seawater running in a dozen shades of blue

Spatial Organization and Flow

The spatial planning is systematically mapped into distinct Task, Collaborate, Connect, Wellness, and Utility zones to elevate operational flow and ensure a balanced work environment. The layout transitions intuitively from open neighborhoods to central collaboration areas.



User Experience and Comfort

User wellbeing is actively promoted through dedicated LVL wellness studios, mothers' rooms, and ergonomic furniture. Acoustic comfort is heavily prioritized to maintain harmony in open areas, achieved using suspended Ecophon Solo Baffles, Buzztile wall panels, and specialized acoustic timber wall paneling.



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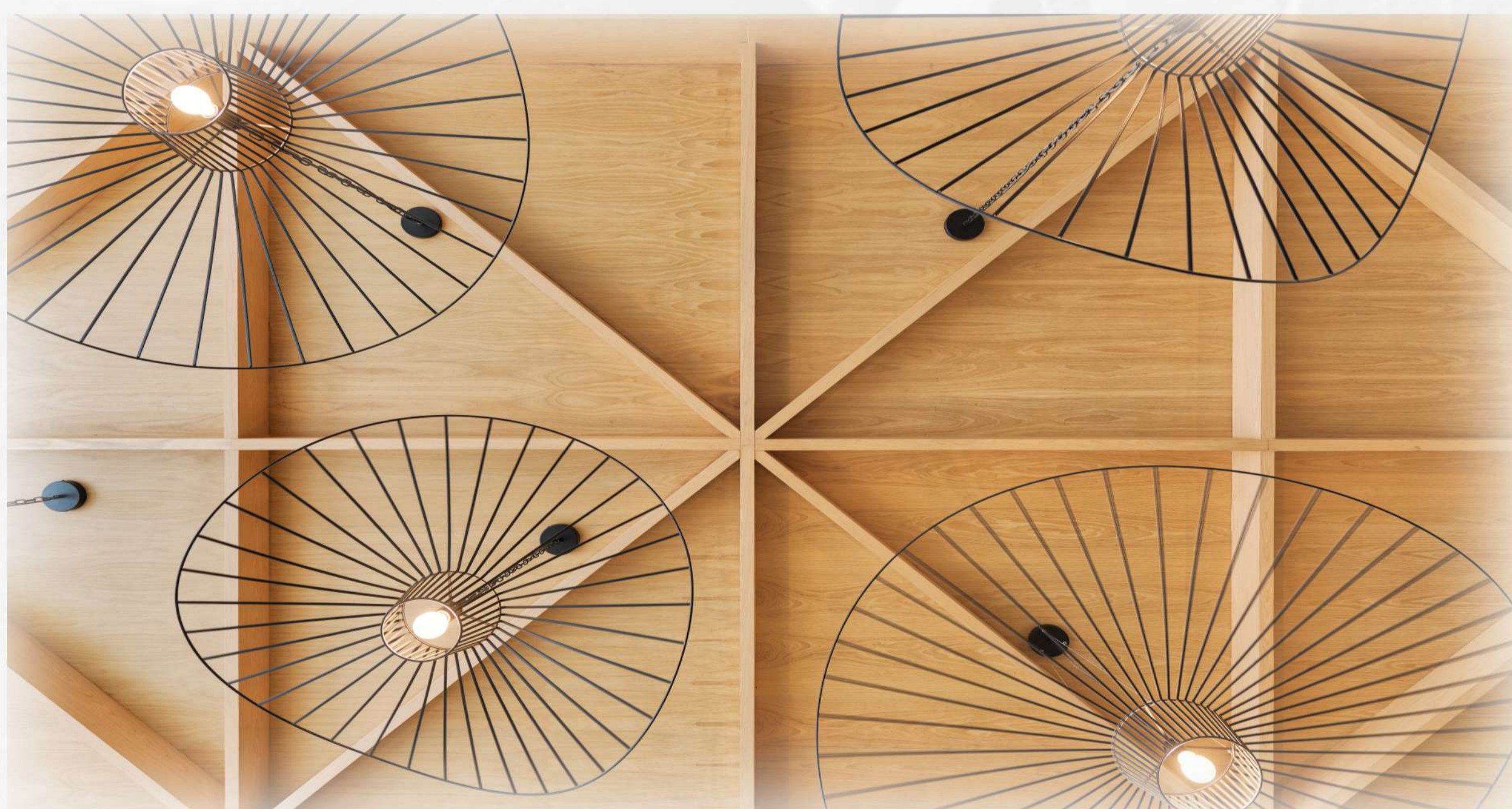


Materiality and Craftsmanship

The foundational palette utilizes refined Light Oak Timber, Patina Brass, and Terrazzo . Thematic continuity is achieved through carefully curated Interface carpet tiles: Broccoli, Avocado, and Forest hues dominate the Fifth floor , while the Sixth floor transitions to Navy, Ocean, and Aquarius tones .

Lighting Design

All standard light fittings are energy-efficient LEDs integrated with motion sensors located strategically across the floors to ensure sustainability . Illumination is carefully calibrated to optimal lighting levels specifically designed to reduce eye strain and promote productivity. Decorative lighting, including woven pendants and spherical fixtures, is used to beautifully highlight collaborative and connect spaces.



Innovation and Detailing

The design champions flexibility, biophilia, and high environmental standards, proudly achieving EDGE certification for its resource-efficient and sustainable building practices. White planter boxes and terracotta pots act as natural spatial dividers between task desks and collaborative zones. Workspaces feature flexible sit-stand desks, mobile whiteboards, standing phone booths, and operable walls in training areas to accommodate agile teamwork and varying user needs.



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Disclaimer!

Due to the scale of the project; we are unable to fit the plans at the prescribed scale. Please use this link for master plan, floor plans for all the blocks, sections and elevations.

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