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FOCUS: THE WORK PLACE REINVENTED

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An architect’s approach towards design should remember one fundamental principle: a space should occupy an occupant.

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**Design brief and aim**
To explore the dialectic between a rugged industrial shell and modern intervention, so that the warehouse identity and retro architectural potential of the space was utilized.

**How this was accomplished**
The nondescript exterior facades were pared down and new storefront windows replace the infill walls, maximizing natural daylight into the office.

The exposed concrete floors, concrete blocks, wood trusses, and ceilings have been carefully restored. Two modern, single story, white glass cubes accommodate private offices and conference spaces, that book-end a large open airy reception space.

A monolithic ‘carpenter’s block’ creates an elevated mezzanine space with workstations that overlook the area below. Existing trusses create the right amount of privacy between the workstations and the public spaces.

**Happily ever after**
The workspace is a successful transformation, yet an honest interpretation of an old building with great bones.
Design brief and aim
To create a unique work-life balance in the office space.

How this was accomplished
With Fir beams, high ceilings, and stall-like enclosures, the office boasts a visually compelling layout of openness.

Glass partitions allow natural light to reach into the depths of each individual compartment. Satin-etched glass works to absorb and reflect the surrounding textures of wood and brick, while offering an element of privacy to its occupants.
Relaxed lounge furniture, colorful abstract rugs, and a large kitchen island that acts as a communal area bring a sense of home and intimacy into the workplace, creating a unique work-life balance: warm, subtle, focused, and clean.

Happily ever after
The space includes a historical San Francisco vibe while highlighting the modern evolution taking place in the city.