

GENSLER'S BARRINGER CONSTRUCTION HEADQUARTERS WINS AIA AWARD

Gensler Charlotte office's Barringer Construction project wins the 2015 AIA North Carolina Merit Award

CHARLOTTE, NC – Gensler's project designing Barringer Construction's new workspace won the 2015 AIA North Carolina Chapter Merit Award honoring its outstanding design.

The AIA North Carolina Design Awards recognizes architects for their exceptional design expertise across various industries. The projects honored are chosen because they exceed benchmarks for outstanding architectural design, structural composition and application of design theory.

Gensler, a global design and architecture firm, worked with Barringer Construction to create the new award-winning headquarters space. Barringer needed a larger space that would allow them to continue to grow while still expressing their corporate culture and personality. They found this space in an aging warehouse near Charlotte's central business district. To overcome the building's lack of inspiration, Barringer partnered with Gensler to bring alive a sense of collaboration, inspiration, wonder and fun within the space of a drab and outdated warehouse.

The design team retained the building core and shell but removed the office's front walls and a portion of the front façade to bring in more daylight. The revamped warehouse is organized around gathering spaces to bring about collaboration including a cozy den, open kitchen and bar. The entire project is shot through with a dose of modernity thanks to a use of clean lines and updated materials, such as polished concrete and full-height glass partitions. In total, the creative uses of construction materials and details help underscore Barringer's commitment to craft, quality and experience. Yet the true personality of the space shines through in the use of large-scale superhero graphics that create moments of playfulness and surprise. The overall result is a space brimming with bold ideas and energy, much like Barringer.

"We are honored to have won this award with our great partner, Barringer Construction. This award exemplifies the impact design can make in creating collaborative work environments, while still highlight the organization's unique culture," said Scott MacMeekin, Project Designer at Gensler.

About Gensler

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