



Expedia

FDC has recently completed the fitout of Expedia's new Sydney office; Level 16, 17 & 18, located at 1 Martin Place.

Expedia is one of the largest full service online travel sites, helping millions of travellers worldwide easily plan and book travel each month.

Designed by Gensler, the brief was to create a fun, casual and colourful workplace that would bring people together. The three themed floors are home to 23 meeting rooms, 19 huddle areas and 44 pods. The design is open and light, with cool artwork and great employee perks.

Level 16 was inspired by the outdoors and beautiful landscapes whilst level 17 was designed to reflect Australian cities with decor that showcases hidden laneways, intimate cafes and quirky bars. This floor is decorated with vintage style street art and walls emblazoned with graffiti and travel posters where as Level 18 was designed with a food destination theme in mind. The reception area is reminiscent of a contemporary hotel with minimalist Scandinavian design, tropical greenery and an abundance of light.

"The office captures the positive feeling you get when you travel from the moment employees or guests walk in," says Michael Pearson, Managing Director at Expedia ANZ.

"Whether you want to escape to the outdoors of Byron Bay, explore hidden laneways like Melbourne's Flinders Lane, or experience the amazing food and wine of the McLaren Vale; employees and guests can easily wander through the three levels and feel like they've escaped to a different place. As Australia is one of our key markets, we wanted to make a significant investment into our home base and bring all our brands – Expedia, Egencia, Wotif, Lasminute.com.au and Hotels.com – under one roof"

Construction on the 1 Martin Place office started in March 2016, and was completed by May 28. Staff commenced occupation of the office on May 30.

The office currently accommodates 300 staff but is capable of handling 370 staff.

Project Features

- Level 16 was inspired by the outdoors and beautiful landscapes
- Level 17 was designed to reflect Australia cities; the décor showcases Australian cities with hidden laneways, intimate cafés and quirky bars. The floor is decorated with vintage style street art and walls emblazoned with graffiti and travel posters.
- Level 18 was designed with a food destination theme in mind
- Kitchen area was designed to reflect a farmer's market with stalls as seating
- Key social zone – central 'marketplace' theme surrounded by flexible workspace with lots of enclosed meeting rooms as well as plenty of informal collaborative areas.
- Colourful break out spaces
- Mister Piccolo Cafe, complete with a barista style coffee machine
- Bright, themed meeting rooms

- Games zone with ping pong table, foosball table
- Floor to ceiling black boards for brainstorming
- Dedicated 'IT bar' for technology assistance
- Wellness Room

Project Size

4,800sqm

Program

19 weeks

