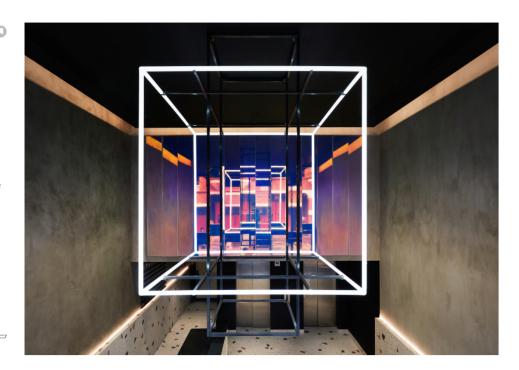
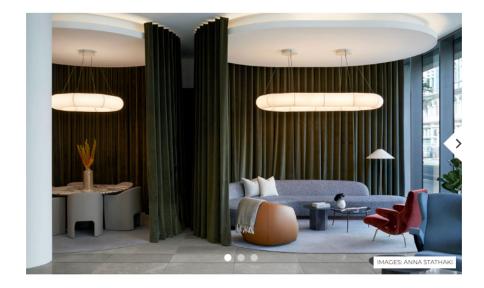
# A sense of arrival: five creative welcome spaces

We explore a handful of recent projects that are reinventing the reception.



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### Conran and Partners' clubhouse-style lobby

<u>Conran and Partners'</u> entrance experience for <u>Wells and Moore</u> at 45 Mortimer Street dilutes the boundaries between work and social, as well as those between workplace and hospitality. The result is a clubhouse-style lobby that responds to the new needs of the modern worker.

This reimagined welcome experience features a concierge-style coffee bar lobby, which sits in a flexible space that can be used for events, work and social purposes. That's made possible using soft partitions that can create intimate areas for meetings or individual work.

Opposite the reception, Conran and Partners crafted a series of flexible spaces using soft partitions to create semi-private areas for meetings or individual work. These include a cocooned lounge-like

space with a mix of Italian and Scandinavian furniture and a roundtable meeting space.



### A former police HQ turned mixed-use lobby at The Broadway

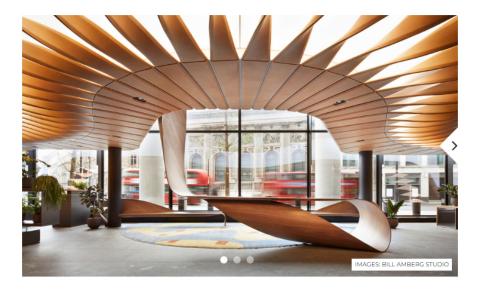
The arrival space at <u>The Broadway</u> – a lmillion sq ft mixed-use development in Victoria – welcomes people in from a purpose-built pedestrian street, connecting St James' Park Station to Victoria Street. Transformed from its former life as the Metropolitan Police Headquarters, <u>Squire & Partners</u> used a family of three design languages as the basis of the interior, made up of light, medium and dark bone metals partnered with light and dark pre-cast concrete. Adjacent to retail units, the entrance contains furniture, fixtures and equipment selected by architecture and interior practice, <u>Nainoa</u>.

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# BT's 18-storey office welcomes workers into an exercise-encouraging reception

Staff and visitors at <u>BT's London hub</u> arrive into a double-height reception space on the ground floor, adjacent to a public café and retail spaces. With architecture by Wilkinson Eyre and interior designed by ID:SR, space and sightlines are clean with neutral colours and grand open spaces to welcome the 3,000 people that pass through each day. Wide staircases, prominently positioned, encourage users to physically move throughout the 18-storey building, with escalators tucked to the side of the core.



# Bill Amberg Studio's architecturally impressive first impression at 22 Bishopsgate

<u>PLP Architecture</u> and <u>Bill Amberg Studio</u> worked together to construct a dramatic entrance at 22 Bishopsgate, London. Featuring flat and twisted leather panels which rise from the escalator soffit at ground level, the structure twists like a ribbon, up to and within the ceiling, before returning to floor level on the opposite side of the entrance hall. Demonstrating <u>Bill Amberg's craftmanship</u> on a large scale, 22 Bishopsgate exemplifies the versatility of leather in modern interiors.

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### MAWD's experience-centric design for The Wingate's arrival space

<u>March and White Design</u> (MAWD) unveiled an art installation at <u>The Wingate</u>, a modernist office building in the heart of Soho. Designed in collaboration with London gallery Edel Assanti and commissioning artist, Nathanial Rackowe, the arrival space embraces the office's connection with its surrounding area – in a design that mimics Soho as daylight fades to night. "As an extension of the trend for experience-based offices, the traditional lobby has evolved from a transitory place to an immersive space that brings people together through a fusion of art, technology and experience-centric design," says James White, <u>MAWD's</u> co-founder.

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