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## **Next generation workplace takes home award at the 2011 Australian Interior Design Awards**

**Woods Bagot's design for National Australia Bank's South Australia head office, is declared best in State**

Celebrating the finest of Australian interior design, Woods Bagot were presented with the 2011 Best Of State Commercial Interior Design title, for National Australia Bank's (NAB) Adelaide headquarters, at the annual Australian Interior Design Awards dinner, held in Melbourne.

"To be shortlisted along with another two Woods Bagot projects was an accomplishment in itself. Considering the strength of the Commercial Design category which included a number of high-profile and internationally recognised projects, we're incredibly proud to receive the award," said Keith Dougal, Senior Associate, Woods Bagot.



The refurbishment of 22 King William Street, Adelaide, enables NAB to move towards a new workplace culture that supports and encourages collaboration, teamwork and customer focus. The end result provides a working environment that strategically aligns to the banks need to be highly innovative and responsive, in an increasingly complex and fast-paced banking industry.

Prior to the refurbishment of NAB Adelaide, the workplace was considered old fashioned; highly secure and compartmentalised with small teams disbursed throughout the building, with little physical integration. An interconnecting stair was implemented to link the four open work floors to increase movement through the building, improving collaboration and interaction between staff.

"The new workplace for NAB Adelaide allows the bank to absorb change and growth through the promotion and support of more mobile working patterns and a flexible platform of work settings," said Keith.

The winning project now acts as a benchmark for the future of NAB accommodation spaces nationally.

“The NAB Adelaide project has provided the ideal springboard for a series of projects which are continually perfecting NAB’s requirements for a mobile and flexible workforce operating in real-time across diverse work settings,” said Simon Pole, Principal, Woods Bagot.

The Australian Interior Design Awards is a partnership event of the Design Institute of Australia, designEX and ARTICHOKE magazine, which draws a crowd of more than 600 interior design colleagues and peers to the awards night annually.

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## About Woods Bagot

Woods Bagot was founded in Adelaide in 1869 and today is one of the world's leading architectural practices, with a global team of more than 700 working across North America, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Middle East. The firm's unique "One Global Studio" philosophy drives unprecedented knowledge sharing and true collaboration across time zones, producing innovative, inspired and functional design solutions for our clients. Underpinning Woods Bagot's knowledge culture is PUBLIC, our propriety research brand, created in collaboration with leading thinkers and academics.

The firm's diverse portfolio of high-profile projects includes: Adelaide Convention Centre, City Central Precinct (Adelaide), Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, Hilton South Wharf (Melbourne), Eccleston Square Hotel (London), Nakheel Tower (Dubai) and the ivy (Sydney).

## Award Summary

- 2011 Australian Interior Design Awards
- Award, Best of State (SA) Commercial Design
- Woods Bagot for National Australia Bank (Adelaide)

## About the Awards

The Australian Interior Design Awards (AIDA) recognise and celebrate interior design excellence via a credible, industry-based program, which is backed by the Design Institute of Australia, the professional body representing Australian designers.

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