



# GOOGLE

## 111 RICHMOND STREET W., TORONTO, ON



Square Footage: 89,125  
 Market Sector: Technology/Internet  
 Architect/Designer: HOK  
 Electrical Engineer: MBII  
 Mechanical Engineer: Hidi Rae  
 Landlord: Oxford Properties

The world's top search engine enlisted the services of Govan Brown to build an amalgamating office that unified Google's multiple Toronto offices into a single location. The base building at 111 Richmond Street West, was developed with the assistance of Govan Brown specifically for Google's new offices. Located on floors 9-16 of the tower, Google's 89,000 square foot space made them the anchor tenant of the building. Our client's vision for the space was to create an environmentally friendly and dynamic office that would encourage collaboration and stoke the imagination of its employees.

Built to suit platinum LEED certifications, Google's new space was designed with environmentally-friendly solutions in mind. To save on lighting costs, floor to ceiling windows were installed. Cork floors, fishing wire carpet, recycled lights and reclaimed wood decorated the office. 100% of the energy used by the office was renewable. Interestingly, all nine floors of the office have themes, which included, rec room games, pool and foosball; various video game machines, pacman and others; a café and micro kitchen; themed meeting rooms; hidden rooms, accessible only by bookcase lever; a

music room and an interesting blender bike. The space also houses extensive wall graphics, a snowflake wall and a partition made of bicycle frames. Impressively, a feature staircase with glass balustrade was built to connect the 15th and 16th floors that were previously unattached by base-building elevators. The entire office was decorated uniformly by high-end millwork, glass office fronts and polished concrete floors.

Despite an accelerated schedule and multiple delivery challenges, we were able to turn-over a high-end project to our valued client that was indicative of their corporate culture.