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# LIFE SPACES

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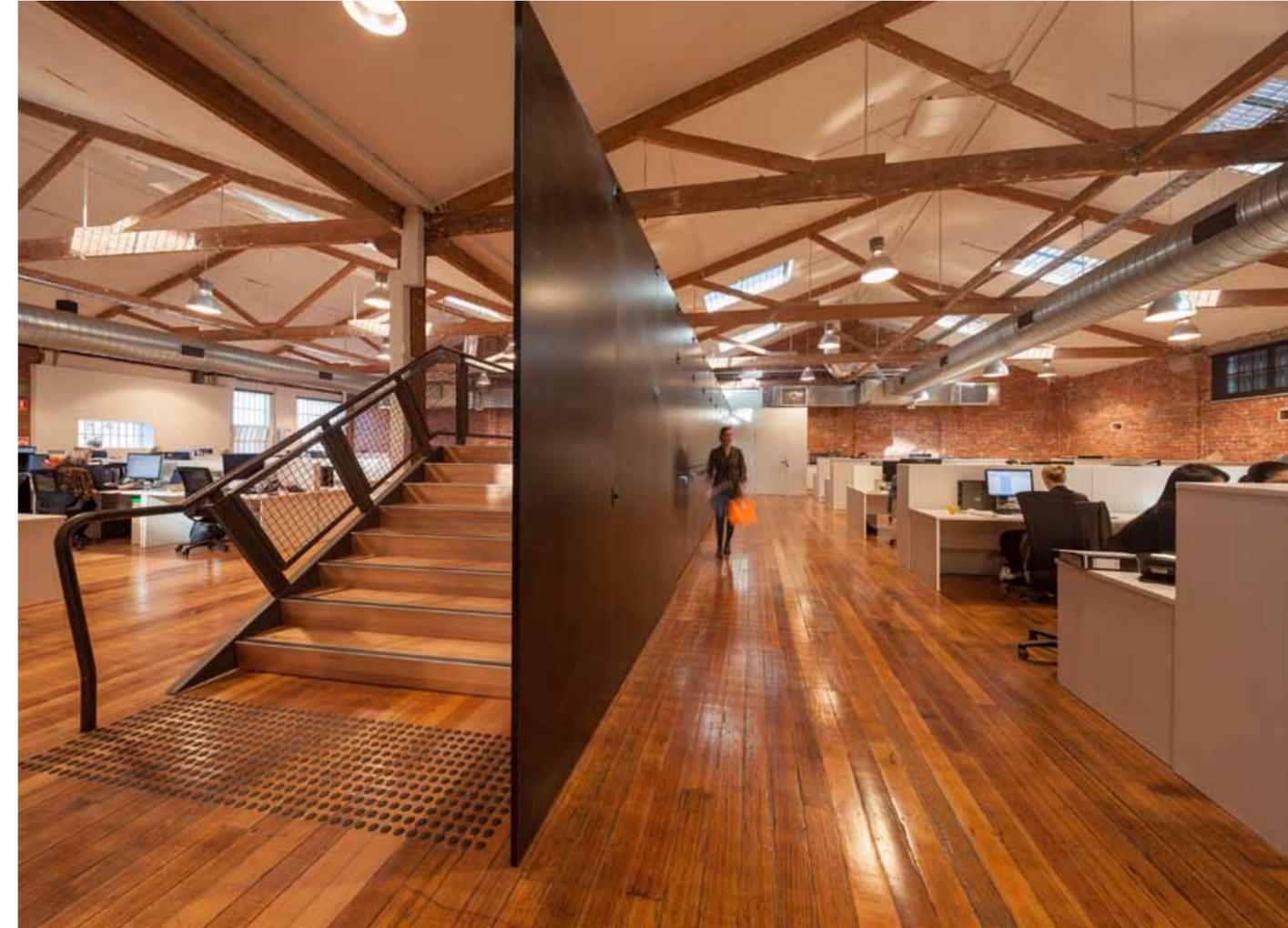
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WORKPLACE OVER 1000SQM

# T2 HEADQUARTERS

PROJECT

**Our brief was** to restore the former Collingwood industrial warehouse into a headquarters for T2. Throughout the building, timber beams, columns and brick walls were sandblasted to bring back their original finish, while this was contrasted with T2's trademark dark, streamlined palette. The site is located on a sloped block with the street frontage lower than the rear staff entrance. Guests are welcomed through an oversized steel framed pivot door into a double-height space. Led by concrete steps, they are greeted by an oversized T2 logo lit by incandescent light bulbs. To the left of the entrance is a tea bar/reception, an informal place to stop, drink and chat to guests - personifying T2's identity. This space also acts as the trial concept for T2's latest tea-retailing concept T2B, which similarly features a large cast concrete bar and tea library. The staff entry is from the upper level rear car park, from where they walk down onto a catwalk in the centre of the office warehouse. This acts as the sites backbone, yet separates the space into two, housing different functions of the business. Both



sides of the catwalk feature different faces. One, a clean façade featuring sleek black steel panels that hide the catwalk, while the other with timber panels concealing storage systems. While the rawness and industrial experience is continued upstairs in the tea-making, tasting workshop and CEO's office, a completely different colour palette is employed. Here a white, clean space encourages light and nature to enter the room through the opened windows. The development marks a new era for T2, providing an innovative and functional office space that reflects a deep understanding of culture, urbanity and, of course, celebrates the centuries-old art of tea-making.