

## Ambius Environments Case Study



## BNZ Harbour Quays

*Our client, BNZ has been in banking for close to 150 years. Over that time, as the needs and expectations of New Zealanders have changed, they've responded and led with innovation in the way they approach business. BNZ have taken that innovation to a new level with the co-development of the Harbour Quays building in Wellington, with CentrePort (Building Owner) – now a sustainable landmark building on Wellington's beautiful harbour.*

### The brief

*The decision to have indoor plants was made for environmental and aesthetic reasons. BNZ Harbour Quays designed their interior fitout to target 5 Star accreditation New Zealand Green Building Council's (NZGBC) Green Star Interior tool. Staff are important to BNZ so to enhance the indoor environmental quality, green life was added to the interiors to help provide a quality visual amenity that helped staff feel more comfortable and relaxed.*

### The solution

*BNZ Harbour Quays team worked with the **Ambius Designer**, to source and install this project. **Ambius** assisted with recommendations of suitable plant varieties and contemporary design solutions within the set budget. A green feature, using climbing cissus vines was used to create a living green wall. Lines of charcoal troughs with *Spathiphyllum wallisii* and *Sansevieria* were chosen in breakout areas to define the space and improve overall indoor air quality.*

*"My design concept was to use vertical climbing vines to provide a framed 'view through nature' to the fantastic maritime views across Wellington Harbour.*

Elaine Wright-Williams,  
**Ambius** National Design  
Manager NZ

### The results

***Ambius** installed the plantscaping design and continue to maintain the plants. Plants included in breakout areas create an edgy, yet relaxed feel, where the staff feel energized and productive. BNZ are happy with the installation and ongoing service from **Ambius** Plant Technicians. The green wall installation provides a fabulous living feature, whilst having limited impact on the available workspace within the office. The plants also help absorb noise. The end result is quite impressive, yet unobtrusive.*

