

## Ambius Indoor Environments Case Study



## BNZ, Queen St

The Bank of New Zealand (BNZ) was founded in 1861 and has been an integral part of New Zealand life ever since. BNZ employs over 5,000 people in New Zealand and has 180 retail stores and Partners' Centers across New Zealand. One of the main management and administration functions of the Bank are located in Auckland in their new green star, busy Queen St office.

### The brief

The decision to have indoor plants was made for environmental and aesthetic reasons. BNZ designed their interior fitout to target 5 Star accreditation with the 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 team worked with the **Ambius Designer**, to source and install this project. The linear Mother-in-law's tongue (Sansevieria) was chosen to mass plant the client's own planter boxes to turn a "dead" space under stair wells, into a restful working or breakout area. Dragon Trees (Dracaena marginata) were mass planted and used to create a fresh, living walkway separating the kitchen area and the office area. The planter boxes also provide seating and an informal breakout space for workers to take a break or eat their lunch. A stunning green wall feature using climbing Cissus vines was used to create a special living feature wall, separating office areas with busy and noisy, stair access areas

### The results

**Ambius** installed the plantscaping design and continue to maintain the plants. Plants help create a productive and restful space in the busy administrative areas of the office. The climbing vine installation provides a dynamic green zone, whilst having limited impact on the available workspace within the office. The overall effect is stylish, contemporary and aesthetically pleasing providing inspirational work environments for BNZ's busy staff.

