

# Classic company corporate furniture, honour boards, joinery and tableware

Over the years we have had the pleasure of crafting custom designed executive and boardroom furniture and furnishings for prestigious corporate clients. We also have a large number of corporate clients for whom we service their furniture, which involves cleaning, waxing and oiling. This is an essential



service as classic-styled fine furniture and antiques require maintenance and restoration from time to time to enhance their value, functionality and appearance.

Our corporate clients include large, medium and small firms that are drawn from a number of sources whether local, state, national or international. They include companies, universities, clubs and government departments from a variety of areas: health, education, commerce, finance, manufacturing, agriculture, legal, media, defence, casino, accounting and consulting arenas.

Though we strictly adhere to time-proven traditional cabinet-making methods, we are flexible in our approach to design. Obviously we specialise in custom classic designs and replicas of antiques, however we are adept at contemporary works as well.

The executive desk shown is one of a suite which includes a reception desk and boardroom table. The corporation wished to incorporate bio-design (inspired by nature) together with indigenous and eastern philosophies. What was achieved was a design that reflects contemporary holistic management styles.

Technology marches on and waits for no one. With our bio-designed boardroom table, we needed to hide the cabling required for computers, phones and other electronic devices. The entire base is amorphous, yet hollow, allowing for the discrete accommodation of cabling. The central English leather insert is movable, enabling the hardware to neatly connect to the cabling below.

Modern management is about teams and shared leadership. Bio-design allows this to be

achieved with our amorphous table top, because there is no head of the table. It is a modern interpretation of King Arthur's round table concept.

Because our furniture is traditionally crafted and made from solid timber, it will increase in value over time and is well worth maintaining or repairing (should the need ever arise). It is an excellent investment and will become the antiques of tomorrow.

GN Olsson furniture is an excellent alternative to the purchase of mass-produced disposable or short term executive and corporate furniture. Though the purchase price may (or may not) be cheap, such furniture has only a short life span. Because of its poor construction and quality, it is rarely worth repairing. Mass-produced furniture begins depreciating from the moment it leaves the showroom.

The corporate reception area is the place where first impressions are usually made. So furniture for the reception area should reflect the corporation's values and image. Reception desks, occasional furniture and seating should be chosen with due consideration of these matters. Specialist joinery can enhance the values and uniqueness of a firm, such as ornamentation of flooring (inlays), walls (columns and panelling), ceilings and door or window frames (carvings or mouldings).

Display cabinets and honour boards are prestigious additions to any corporate reception, library or function area. Corporate memorabilia and icons are displayed with pride alongside names of those who have held high office and achieved excellence. The skill required to do the gold lettering is a rare one, with few people up to the task. Building and installing matching honour boards, or extending existing ones, allows the tradition of official recognition to continue for years to come, in a tasteful manner. Corporate logos and icons can be proudly displayed in leather upholstery, leather desk inserts, glazing and timber veneer inlays (floors and wall panelling).

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Above left: Custom two drawer solid silky oak filing cabinet with English brass fittings

Left: Custom Jacobean style occasional table in hand carved solid oak

Below: 22 ct gold embossed English leather desk blotters, mouse pads and coasters



Left: Solid timber bio-designed executive desk featuring 22 ct gold embossed leather insert

Below: Custom cedar revolving bookcase featuring 22 ct gold embossed leather insert and English solid brass castors



The 22 ct gold-embossed English leather we inlaid into the Treasury Casino boardroom table provides high roller glamour. The same embossing technique adds another dimension to the austere ambience of the High Court, embassies and the Australian and Queensland parliaments.

To protect the furniture and to provide a sense of luxury and success, we have a fully developed range of 22 ct gold-embossed leather tableware. These items include desk blotters, mouse pads, coasters, placemats and demonstration/ display mats. Corporate logos can be embossed on all these items. Because of their uniqueness and quality, they make excellent corporate gifts and rewards.

We make and repair all manner of desks and can accommodate all electronic and communication systems. Desks can be inlaid with gold-embossed leather and drawers can be made to accommodate hidden compartments, files, stationery, paper, and computers. Most desk chairs we make are in the classic style and many antique office chairs are used in corporate settings.

Both custom-made and antique bookcases find their place in corporate offices. They are either free standing, built-in or revolving, as shown. Features include English brass locking systems, secret compartments, adjustable shelving and dust-minimising glass doors. Lower cabinets in bookcases are specifically made to accommodate archive boxes. Bookcases can be made open shelved or with doors and can be highlighted with gold-embossed leather shelf edging.

A wide range of specialty cabinets (for example those to store legal paperwork, robes and equipment), have been custom designed and built. Solid timber filing cabinets, such as the two drawer one shown, have strong, reliable, solid timber runner systems. They will become tomorrow's antiques, unlike their cheaper mass-produced counterparts.

Sideboards are commonly made or converted to match existing boardroom tables. They accommodate boardroom refreshments, crockery, cutlery and tableware as well as a bar fridge and coffee making facilities. Audiovisual armoires are increasingly requested for projection, DVD, television and video conferencing.

The timeless beauty and elegance of classic furniture adds to the ambience of success and



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portrayal of longevity. Success breeds success and attention to interior furnishings is an important part of the recipe. It's simply good business to invest in the antiques of today and tomorrow ■

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Above: Conserved antique roll top desk featuring flame mahogany roll

Right: Replica parliamentary desk chair with contemporary ergonomic base

Below left: Antique armoire converted to conference room audio-visual armoire

Below right: Custom solid timber early Queensland style cedar sideboard

