

Project Profile

Expera Specialty Solutions

Built in 1872 along the banks of the Fox River in downtown Kaukauna, Wisconsin, Eagle Mill is believed to be the state's first mill to transform wood pulp into paper. Now a national historic landmark, the 80,000 square foot building (now known as the Grand KaKalin) was recently preserved and repurposed by Stadtmueller & Associates to support a mix of public and commercial programming, all while retaining its history.

Although Expera Specialty Solutions, LLC, a leading manufacturer of specialty paper products based in Wisconsin, had once owned and occupied the former mill, the company had since expanded to other locations. But in 2016, Expera moved its administrative offices to an entire floor of the renovated building (25,000 square feet), thus returning to its previous home and connecting with its roots in the Kaukauna community.



The move united three previously separate corporate locations under a single roof, and Expera saw the opportunity to support improved collaboration and communication between departments. Systems Furniture, Inc., a Knoll dealer, worked within the renovation plan of Performa, Inc., a local architecture office, and reviewed each of Expera's department needs before developing a holistic solution. This was particularly important given that the office would support functions of four different manufacturing facilities that are located throughout Wisconsin.

Knoll was selected to support the workplace for its reputation for quality and durability—as well as specifically for the Generation family of work and side seating, designed to support active work styles and workplace wellbeing. The project team ultimately selected Generation by Knoll® for workstation seating and fully upholstered ReGeneration by Knoll® for conference seating.

Dividends Horizon® workstations in the spacious, open floorplan provide spatial delineation on a generous floor plan and support a balance of focused administrative work and collaboration between individuals and teams. Well-considered horizon lines provide privacy while enabling conversation. The system's clean lines were also chosen to complement but not compete with the space's impressive industrial-style ceiling.

In the private offices, the project team also selected Dividends Horizon®, creating a consistent, clean workplace-wide look. The



wood finishes and integrated technology support of Reff Profiles™ brought a functional but progressive look to the executive offices.

Expera's newly united workspace, which anchors the commercial spaces of the Grand KaKalin, has brought together three previous offices and employees in a single, bright location. The company reports excellent feedback following the move and a great sense of pride in returning to the birthplace of paper manufacturing in Wisconsin. [x](#)

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Project Overview

Sector: Consumer Products
Completed: 2016
Location: Kaukuna Wisconsin

Scope

- + 35,000 sq. ft.
- + 1.5 Floors
- + 126 Primary Seats
- + 76 Workstations
- + 42 Private Offices
- + 8 Conference Rooms
- + 1 Huddle Room

Knoll Products

- + **Systems:** Reff Profiles, Dividends Horizon®
- + **Task & Side Seating:** Regeneration®, Generation by Knoll
- + **Accessories:** Orchestra™
- + **Tables:** Dividends Horizon™
- + **Technology Support:** Sapper Monitor Arm™

Drivers

- + Support and encourage cross-functional collaboration in the workplace
- + Preserve a national historic landmark with community importance

Tactics

- + Spatial delineation of workstations within the open plan
- + Low horizon lines of workstations to encourage collaborative spirits
- + Ergonomic seating for workstations and conference rooms to support employee wellbeing and active workstyles
- + IConsistent, contemporary, clean appearance against workstations, conference rooms and private offices to project a unified space and office

Outcomes

- + Beautiful space that celebrates and respects the landmark building
- + Increased collaboration within the workplace
- + Positive feedback and employee satisfaction