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## Lakhi Group Headquarters



Building type  
Interiors

Location  
Bandra Kuria Complex  
Mumbai, India

Site Area  
N/A

Project Area  
Approx. 5,000 sf

Client  
Lakhi Group  
Completion Year  
2011

Construction Cost  
\$ 8,66,000 in 2011

**History:** We were invited by the owners of this group to assist them in setting up their head office at the Bharat Diamond Bourse in Mumbai. On reviewing the existing plan we realized that we had to comprehensively address the planning considerations, in addition to which we had to set up a comprehensive yet minimal aesthetic that could be seamlessly carried throughout the space.

**Concept:** We zoned out the executive areas from the meeting areas and sorting areas, with one principal that we wanted to use as much natural light as possible in the

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spaces; albeit aware that natural light is no more such an important criteria in diamond industry. Our thought process in panelling set a simple geometry of solid and void , using simple veneers such as beech and Anigre to speak for themselves. We used glass extensively providing necessary privacy where required. We focused on a few key elements; namely the CEO's cabin and lounge, the conference areas, and a small templum for prayer. In the CEO's space we used book matched Anigre with a frustum ribbed wood ceiling to signify a seat of power akin to those seen in Greek and Roman temples. For the conference areas we wanted lightness and egalitarianism thus we floated a glass ceiling, which was replicated with an equal expanse of a cantilevered glass conference table 5'x13' in size such that each plane metaphorically reflected the other. This was further delineated by a frustum-ed ceiling. For the templum we set up a system of narrow collonettes signifying divine power through incredible delicacy. Here one pays homage prior to starting ones daily journey.

Previous page: Main entry lobby  
 Top left: View of templum  
 Top right: View of conference room  
 Bottom left: Exterior View of main corridor



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Team

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Top: CEO office

Bottom: Typical interconnecting executive offices