

teknion case study

CLIENT

Institut National du Sport du Quebec

DESIGNER

Lapointe Magne & Associates

PRODUCTS FEATURED

Expansion Desking
Expansion Caseworks
Expansion Training
W/R/S Wall Rail System
Ledger Storage

Savera Task Chairs
Contessa Task Chairs
Projek Task Chairs
Nami Stacking Chairs
Marini Executive Chairs

the project

Established by the Quebec government in 2010, the Institut National du Sport du Quebec (INS Quebec) provides high-performance athletes and coaches with integrated services designed to lead Olympic and Paralympic athletes to excellence. The INS Quebec headquarters—located in the Olympic Park complex in Montreal—opened in 2014 to support the organization's mission to act as a driving force in the development of high-performance sport in Quebec. Comprising over 150,000 square feet (13,935m²) of space, the headquarters complex houses state-of-the-art training and practice areas, as well as sports medicine clinics, physiotherapy rooms, science research labs and administrative offices.

Built directly in the Olympic Park stadium, the INS Quebec complex serves nearly 500 athletes, as well as coaches, providing access to world-class professional, medical and technical resources that enable Canadian athletes to excel and compete at the highest level. The complex offers its services to athletes in all disciplines and acts as a permanent center for nine resident sports: fencing, gymnastics, judo, swimming, synchronized swimming, boccia, diving, water polo and short-track speed skating.

Teknion worked closely with the INS Quebec project team, including architects Lapointe Magne & associates (LM&a), to assess project/user needs and identify a planning scenario consistent with building architecture and INS Quebec goals. Several meetings took place with all parties present in order to create a synergistic project team. Ultimately, Teknion provided furniture across the INS Quebec facility: 15 private offices, 25 open-plan workstations, 50 workstations in shared offices, eight medical examination rooms, nine meeting rooms, one training room and two lounge areas.

the response

Taking priority among the criteria established for the interior plan was the goal of creating a fluid, flexible and dynamic sports facility designed to encourage interaction and collaboration among athletes, coaches and professional personnel. Given that directive, floor plans and furniture were selected to cultivate the free flow of ideas and information. Additionally, the team addressed health and safety considerations and the diverse activities of those who use the facilities on either a temporary or permanent basis: athletes, coaches, medical and other specialized personnel, general administrative staff and senior management.

With flexibility and accessibility in mind, the INS Quebec facility includes open work areas suited to sport professionals who shuttle frequently between the desk and the training areas, plus semi-private workstations for administrative staff who require additional storage and a degree of working privacy. Expansion Desking met the design team's criteria with 51-inch-high workstations in a Spine Desk platform: a simple, functional, adaptable, space-efficient and cost-effective result. Workstations are equipped with Projek task chairs and mixed with height-adjustable Expansion Training Tables that provide ergonomic benefits. Glass screens complement the generous use of glass throughout the building to create a sense of transparency and maintain visual connection.

INS Quebec designated 15 closed offices that would provide privacy and confidentiality for the management group. Expansion Caseworks was selected to provide each office with a distinctive look, and components and configurations specific to the individual. The INS Quebec



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president—a former professional athlete—requested a private office that would function equally as a space for dialogue and teamwork. Teknion's Wall Rail System (W/R/S), composed of whiteboards and storage, adds collaborative functionality to the president's private space. From a broad portfolio of seating, the design team selected Savera and Contessa task chairs, as well as the Marini Executive Chair, as seating appropriate to the private office.

A training room designed to accommodate up to 60 people required furniture that could be easily reconfigured to serve the varied formats of a training session or presentation. Expansion Training Flip-Top tables allow staff to respond to the changing purposes of the room, adapting readily to immediate requirements. Lightweight Nami stacking chairs provide seating that is comfortable, easy to shift about and store as needed.

Teknion's Ledger storage is another key part of the spatial solution. Ledger filing and storage cabinets are used as stand-alone products, while also integrating with and augmenting workstation credenzas and cabinets. Organized into banks of high-density storage, Ledger files and cabinets are also used to divide space and create "islands" for impromptu meetings, again encouraging dialogue among INS Quebec users.

The clean aesthetic of Teknion furniture complements the technical look and feel of the building interior with its exposed structural elements and liberal use of glass and steel. While a palette of light, cool colors—white, grey and platinum—predominates, interior walls and floors display accents of clear red, blue and green are echoed by rows of red Nami chairs in the training room and pops of bright color in the open work area. Private offices—primarily white with platinum finish hardware—are distinguished by curly maple worksurfaces that add warmth and elegance appropriate to the INS Quebec hierarchy. The light, bright finish palette also helps to create a feeling of illuminated spaciousness in an environment without access to natural light.

Close collaboration among project team members led to a successful completion of the project and a facility that will serve the culture and aims of INS Quebec. The client relied on Teknion's expertise in defining needs, calculating lifecycle costs and delivering options that fit the guiding principles and the widely varied activities of the INS Quebec organization.

products

EXPANSION DESKING

Designed to permit a creative approach to space planning, Expansion® Desking is a comprehensive line of freestanding furniture that creates efficient, highly functional workstations for diverse applications, for open-plan workspaces with a casegoods look.

EXPANSION CASEGOODS

Expansion® Casegoods is a distinctive line of laminate casegoods furniture suited to a broad range of freestanding applications and office plans. A uniform product platform simplifies planning while sustaining a consistent aesthetic and image of quality throughout the office.

EXPANSION TRAINING

Expansion® Training is a versatile collection of mobile, multi-purpose tables ideally suited for individual or interactive group training, seminars or presentations, and training activities in general-use and designated training areas. Several shapes and sizes link or can be used as freestanding worktables.



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W/R/S (WALL RAIL SYSTEM)

W/R/S™ is a wall rail system that links building architecture to furniture and allows the simultaneous attachment of fascias, storage and worksurfaces. W/R/S introduces innovative ways to enable walls to be adapted into highly functional elements, without the need for tools.

LEDGER STORAGE

Complementing a wide range of storage components included within Teknion's casegoods, freestanding and systems furniture lines, Ledger® offers a variety of files, storage cabinets, wardrobe cabinets, pedestals and other products that stand alone or integrate with furniture throughout the office. Ledger includes both active storage products and those suited to high-density archival banks.

SAVERA TASK CHAIR

Savera® is an affordable line of ergonomically sophisticated seating—one design that takes many elegant forms. Model variations include mid-back or high-back chairs, an oversized version with a wider scale, and a stool.

CONTESSA TASK CHAIR

Contessa™ is a feature-loaded chair that updates classic mesh seating—a refinement of function, comfort and style. Contessa's "smart operation" concept—an advanced, patented mechanism that employs levers conveniently located in the armrests—enables users to make adjustments while seated, encouraging accurate positioning and continuous movement.

PROJEK TASK CHAIR

Projek™ is smart, simple seating designed for the modern workplace where shared workspaces are increasingly common. Projek, designed by and sold under license from Orangebox Limited, has a clean look that allows for visual fit in varied office settings. The chair's ease and range of adjustment fits the majority of people in a diverse workplace.

NAMI STACKING CHAIR

Nami® is a European-designed stacking chair with a gentle, controlled flex that moves with the user's body to provide comfort for extended periods. Nami's smaller scale makes it ideal in training and conference areas, auditoriums, classrooms and healthcare facilities.

MARINI EXECUTIVE CHAIR

Marini™ is a high-performance executive task chair designed by Conrad Marini with fine details and classic elegance. Luxurious yet subtle in style, Marini is well-suited for executive offices and boardrooms.

