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## PERKINS EASTMAN DESIGNS NEW PITTSBURGH ROBOTICS R&D AND MEDICAL EDUCATION TRAINING CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY COMPANY SMITH+NEPHEW

*Sleek new offices and state-of-the-art laboratories and makerspace  
bring new energy to Pittsburgh's industrial Strip District*



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**Pittsburgh, PA (April, 20, 2020)** Global architecture firm [Perkins Eastman](https://www.perkinseastman.com) has converted a former cardboard box manufacturing warehouse in Pittsburgh's historic Strip District into the sleek and modern Pittsburgh Robotics Research and Development and Medical Education Training Center for international medical technology company Smith + Nephew.

The new spaces feature an interior palette of crisp whites, soft grays, and warm wood finishes punctuated by energizing shades of blue, yellow, and green. Materials draw from Perkins Eastman's hospitality portfolio and speak to the burgeoning maker-culture in Pittsburgh. Felted wool panels, rich upholstery, unexpected tile backsplashes, modern furniture, and playful lighting fixtures further complement this comfortable and professional environment.

"The R&D and Medical Education Training Center is a fantastic example of what makes Pittsburgh such a great city for architecture and design. The potential to work with world-class clients such as Smith+Nephew, the combination of industrial adaptive reuse and innovative new workplace, and the opportunity to

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blend Pittsburgh legacy with the expertise of our global practice are unique for cities of this size,” said Jeff Young, AIA, co-managing principal for Perkins Eastman’s Pittsburgh studio.

The original warehouse’s superstructure, featuring 8-foot tall steel roof trusses and rough-hewn wood ceiling plank, provided the inspiration for the fit-out, which encompasses 47,000 square feet of space across three floors. Linear LED pendant lighting and felt panels in shades of gray run parallel to the trusses and provide both visual interest and acoustic baffling in the third floor vaulted studio spaces, which also include a shared kitchen and dining area, conference rooms, and open workplace.

The three floors are connected by a distinctive wood and glass staircase that encourages circulation and collaboration, while two elevators at the entrance efficiently transport staff and visitors from floor to floor. Additional spaces include reception area, secure high-bay makerspace, prototyping labs, collaboration zones, enclosed offices, small nooks, and lounges. Industrial-grade garage doors on the ground floor open the spaces to an exterior courtyard, providing valuable connection to the community, and encouraging an active, healthy work environment.

The new Smith+Nephew facility is located within “Three Crossings 2.0”, a Perkins Eastman-master planned development. The adaptively-reused warehouse, now called “The Stacks”, is situated in the heart of “Robotics Row”, an area within the Strip District neighborhood of Pittsburgh. Oxford Development Company initially hired Perkins Eastman to master plan the second phase of Three Crossings, seeking the firm’s global expertise in commercial and workplace design as well as its local knowledge of Pittsburgh. This valuable breadth and depth helped the team establish an overarching theme of sensible adaptive reuse, and provided the impetus to explore ways to preserve the distinctive industrial and historical elements of the development.

The Smith+Nephew facility and The Stacks at Three Crossings 2.0, are among a variety of projects Perkins Eastman is currently working on in the Pittsburgh region. Recent and ongoing clients include tech firms Google, Phillips, and SAP, national real estate developers Spear Street Capital, Hertz Investment Group, Pearson Partners, and North River Company, as well as the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust and the University of Pittsburgh. Perkins Eastman is an award-winning global architecture firm with 12 studios in the U.S. and another five around the world. The firm’s Pittsburgh studio, founded in 1996, is the largest architecture firm in Western Pennsylvania.

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