

# The Colony

**Primary Service:** Architecture

**Type:** Hospitality

**Owner/Client:** Ms. Arlene Stern

**Location:** Fort Lee, New Jersey

**Cost:** \$1,200,000

**Square Footage:** 8,800 sf

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Contact:** Ms. Arlene Stern

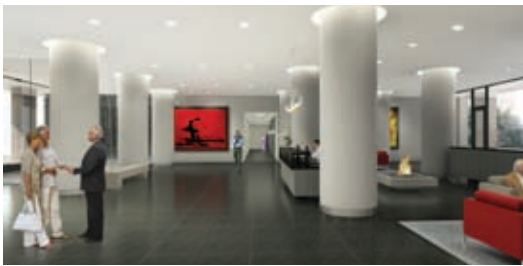
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**Project Number:** 2.2895.11



Porte Cochere/ Entry



Lobby



'Art-trium'



Elevator Lobby

## Project Scope:

The 5000+ square foot renovated lobby has been transformed to frame views and bring the beauty of nature into the building. The rear lobby windows were raised up and widened with 8 inch mullions to create picture frames with views of the NYC skyline.

As one approaches the entrance of the building, the exterior front windows comprised of butt-glazed glass appear to seamlessly allow a glimpse into the interior atrium, relabeled for this project as an 'Art-trium' because it was designed to showcase art. The north lobby wall was designed as a waterfall of slate to bring a touch of the look and sound of the Hudson River into the space.

Using combinations of wood and stone, the charcoal grey color scheme with a pop of red provided both the simplicity and the elegance desired. Natural materials were used where possible, with the porcelain floor being made of recycled material. The lighting was converted to all LED lighting. The elevator exterior walls were comprised of stone while the interior walls were made of glass. The concierge desk, in the middle of the lobby, was custom designed to house all of the necessary communication, security, and alarm systems necessary for a building the size of the Colony. A rear companion cabinet was added to provide extra storage for resident's packages.

Two seating areas, one to either side of the concierge desk, contain four large comfortable chairs for residents. Between the two seating areas is a fireplace, run on ethanol, which brings warmth of the living room to the lobby environment and a cozy look on that cold winter's day. Lastly, four large contemporary canvases bring a shot of color to this neutral palate complementing the contemporary feel of the lobby and the building while converting the lobby into a beautiful canvas of its own.

## Services Performed:

- Architecture
- Interior Design
- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering