



Alghanim - Kuwait

Architect: SOM

Client: Alghanim Industries

Completion: 2014

Alghanim's corporate office space is located at the top of the monumental Al Hamra Business Tower skyscraper in the heart of Kuwait. These high-end offices include general open plan workstations and AV conference rooms, as well as executive spaces.

Our team reviewed project drawings to assess office layouts, and interior materials and then set design criteria to ensure privacy and separation. Our recommendations included background noise level criteria, requirements for wall construction based on sound transmission class ratings, and acoustically absorbent ceiling materials to control reverberation. We also provided design for a sound masking system at the open plan office areas as well as isolation of an executive space located on the floor below a fitness center.

We designed unique acoustical solutions to satisfy the expectations of private office occupants who transitioned to an open office environment. Change management was essential to minimizing any negative responses to a new work environment, likely providing less speech privacy as compared to the prior space.