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WARE MALCOMB ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF ICW GROUP CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS IN SAN DIEGO

New 68,105 Square Foot Space Offers Open Ceilings, Ample Natural Light and the Latest in Ergonomic Design

SAN DIEGO (Aug. 18, 2016) – Ware Malcomb, an award-winning international design firm, today announced construction is complete on the new San Diego-based corporate headquarters of [ICW Group Insurance Companies](#), a group of property and casualty carriers. Ware Malcomb provided interior architecture and design services for the project, located at 15025 Innovation Drive.

The firm's design completely transformed the existing 68,105 square foot corporate headquarters of ICW Group. Ware Malcomb also provided an evaluation of new guidelines for space allocation and furniture standards.

ICW Group's design objectives for the project included improving communication and connection; expressing employee value; and reflecting pride in the company's brand and culture. The company made a strong statement in transitioning from a more conservative, hierarchical office environment, to a bright and open workplace setting with a variety of meeting and amenity spaces.

"At ICW Group, we pride ourselves on being a great place to work," said David Hoppen, chief operating officer at ICW Group. From the modern layout to the ergo-friendly furnishings, Innovation Point was designed with our Team Members in mind."

Sustainability played an important part in design and material selections. Design details and amenities include:

- Open ceilings, shared natural light, the use of rich color
- Areas of open two-story volume provide a sense of spaciousness and a strong relationship to nature
- A "living" green wall coupled with areas of open wood plank ceiling and wall applications also provide a connection to the outdoors
- Lighting and noise-cancelling technology to ensure productivity
- Workstations and offices come equipped with sit/stand desks and the latest ergonomic furniture
- New state-of-the-art gym and wellness room

"It was exciting that ICW Group was open to some out-of-the-box ideas when it came to design, and willing to shift from their existing, more traditional office environment," said Tiffany English, principal at Ware Malcomb. "By incorporating forward-thinking planning and design concepts into their new corporate headquarters, ICW employees now enjoy an open and collaborative space that is sure to provide inspiration for years to come."

The General Contractor for the project was [Burger Construction](#).

About Ware Malcomb (waremalcomb.com)

Established in 1972, Ware Malcomb is an international design firm providing planning, architecture, interior design, branding and civil engineering services to commercial real estate and corporate clients. With 21 [office locations](#) throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and Panama, the firm specializes in the design of commercial office, corporate, industrial, science & technology, healthcare, retail, auto, public/educational facilities and renovation projects. Ware Malcomb was among the top 10 midsize firms in *Real Estate Forum's* 2015 Fastest Growing Companies list, the top 20 architectural firms in *Building Design+Construction* magazine's 2015 Giants 300 ranking, and the top 50 interior design firms in *Interior Design* magazine's 2016 Top 100 Giants.

About ICW Group

Based in San Diego, ICW Group Insurance Companies is the largest privately held group of insurance companies domiciled in

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California. Quoting more than \$3 billion annually, ICW Group represents a group of Property, Auto and Workers' Compensation insurance carriers, including Insurance Company of the West and Explorer Insurance Company. ICW Group is recognized nationally as an industry leader in helping policyholders achieve fewer and less costly claims, and is committed to meeting the needs of its policyholders and elevating the trusted agents and brokers who advise them. More information is available at www.icwgroup.com.

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