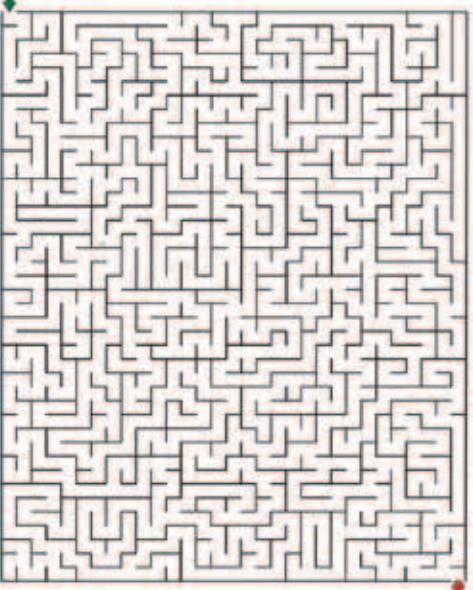


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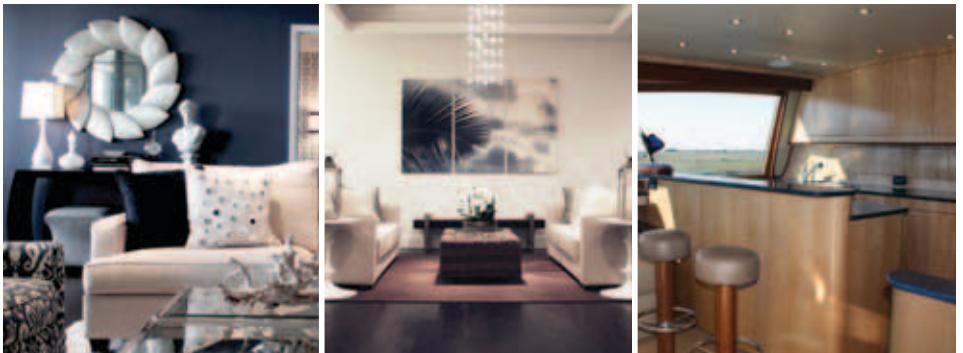


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The VT Group is pleased to introduce Forte Interiors, Design, Build as the newest member of its' family. Based in Jupiter, FL, Forte is a full-service interior design firm with special focus on the luxury residential, commercial and marine markets.

Bob Mormile, president and CEO of the VT Group has guided his professional suite of design and graphics companies to leadership positions in the very competitive corporate branding, POP, packaging and signage industries. He has provided innovative and effective solutions to his clients for over 30 years and is committed to supplying the exceptional service that clients require to flourish in today's marketplace.

Bob's widespread experience in design started with graphics and progressed to design-build for in-store displays. As his interest in design and fabrication increased, he committed to more challenging projects like the design and construction of two custom sport fishing yachts. Managing the design of the luxurious interiors of these yachts heightened his fascination with architecture. His design skills and experience increased as he undertook and completed other design-build-install projects for corporations including transforming and updating audiovisual offices and conference rooms. Bob and his team at the VT Group now design, fabricate and professionally install the custom cabinetry used to house audiovisual equipment, as well as build high quality crafted wooden furniture and speaker podiums. All of his passion and expertise for creating beautiful interior spaces was easily transferable to design and build projects in the residential and commercial industries and culminated in the founding of Forte.

Directing Forte in Jupiter are Andrew Mormile and Nicholas Skidmore. Both are professional designers with international educations and a broad range of project management experience in the luxury interior design and build industry.

Andrew studied abroad at the University of Sydney in Australia and has collaborated with prestigious architects in New York, Philadelphia and Palm Beach to design and oversee the construction of luxury interiors on Florida's east coast. Andrew's experience also extends to the marine industry where he began his career working alongside top master craftsmen, naval architects and designers. He learned how to manage the custom yacht construction process, including the design, fabrication and installation of exceptionally beautiful yacht interiors. Here Andrew honed his skills and learned that the keys to success were in the details of the design, precision of the fabrication and skillful installation of the project.

Nick earned his master's degree from Kent State's College of Architecture & Environmental Design and studied extensively at the Palazzo Dei Cerchi in Florence, Italy. While in Italy, he gained a refined eminent appreciation for Italian and European proportion, scale and architectural design tradition. Nick began his career in Chicago, designing for prominent architecture firms including FitzGerald Associates Architects. His passion is producing original yet timeless designs in the high-end residential and commercial sectors and his work reflects his international experience, utilizing inspiration from his projects in the Middle East, China and Europe. Nick's work has been featured on HGTV, as well as collaborations in Chicago Social Interiors, and Chicago Home & Garden.

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Practical Feng Shui Office Design Tips



Did you know that feng shui office design can increase your productivity and prosperity? It can also reduce stress and help you to feel more confident in your work. Feng shui is not as esoteric or mysterious as you might think. At its heart, it's an incredibly practical and wise way of arranging your belongings within living and working spaces. With principles that have been used over thousands of years, you can arrange your office according to the ancient Chinese discipline of feng shui. This system of space planning techniques aims to balance the natural energy, or chi, of a specific place. By removing blocks to the flow of positive energy and eliminating elements that cause stagnation and negativity, you can create a harmonious and productive feng shui office. Feeling stuck or overwhelmed at work? Here are some simple, practical suggestions you can try – see what they do for your work environment.

A comfortable, ergonomic desk chair is a key element in any pleasant office space. You can't be happy and productive at work if your chair doesn't support your body properly or causes stiffness and soreness. Position your desk chair so that it faces the door of your office, but at an angle. Facing away from the door while you work is a symbolic act of turning your back on opportunities that must make their way in through the door. Getting into the actual physical position of receptivity to prosperity is an energetic cue to your emotional and spiritual nature. It reaffirms your readiness and willingness to receive business opportunities. Don't place your chair directly in line with the door, however; this places you in the path of random negative energy from outside your office. Sit in the corner of the office that is farthest from the door. This serves several purposes. First, having a corner behind you provides the support of a "mountain" structure at your back. Also, those entering your office to speak with you must cover a greater distance to get to your desk. This places you in a powerful position where you will naturally command more attention and greater respect, and you'll also have the advantage of being able to see the entire room at a glance. An area rug under your desk designates personal space, which will create a feeling of security and ownership. Placing a small rug or doormat at the entrance to your office also designates to someone entering that he is entering your space.

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Forte's philosophy that luxury is a balance of superior quality, attention to detail and innovative design, guarantees clients an uncompromising high standard of personalized service. Team members work with clients in a personal manner to create a culture for every stage of their life. They push the boundaries of the trade with the highest level of creativity and imagination to bring clients the most authentic expression of their vision.

Forte is uniquely capable of adding creativity and design sensitivity to any commercial application including the utilization of state of the art branding vehicles, custom millwork and cabinetry. Corporate and institutional managers understand the value of smart design solutions in the interior workspace. Utilization of space, along with décor that includes wall treatments and furniture help establish and reinforce an organization's brand identity. Working closely with its' sister company Digital Impact, Forte utilizes the most advanced print techniques available to deliver special architectural features for walls, ceilings and partitions in lobbies, halls, lecture rooms, reception areas or offices.



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WHAT'S NEW @ THE GROUP

VT Graphics recently installed a major upgrade to our Esko software platform. The upgrade provides enhanced tools for pre-press, quality control and workflow management and ensures VT remains on the cutting edge of technology in the flexographic plate making industry.

Joe Stewart, an Eagle Scout candidate whose project was profiled in last summer's newsletter was awarded the Boy Scout's most prestigious medal by the Garden State Council in Millville, NJ in October. Congratulations Joe!

The website for the Group's new company, Forte Interiors, Design, Build has launched. Visit www.forteinteriorsdesignbuild.com and take a look. The Group is also rebuilding the websites for its other member companies. VT Graphics, Digital Impact and Ocean Design will all unveil newly designed and improved websites in the coming months.

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