



2026 REMODELER OF THE YEAR AWARDS ENTRY

The Hangar, Reimagined

Category: Commercial Interior



PROJECT STATEMENT

From Dated Hangar to Modern Office & Client Lounge

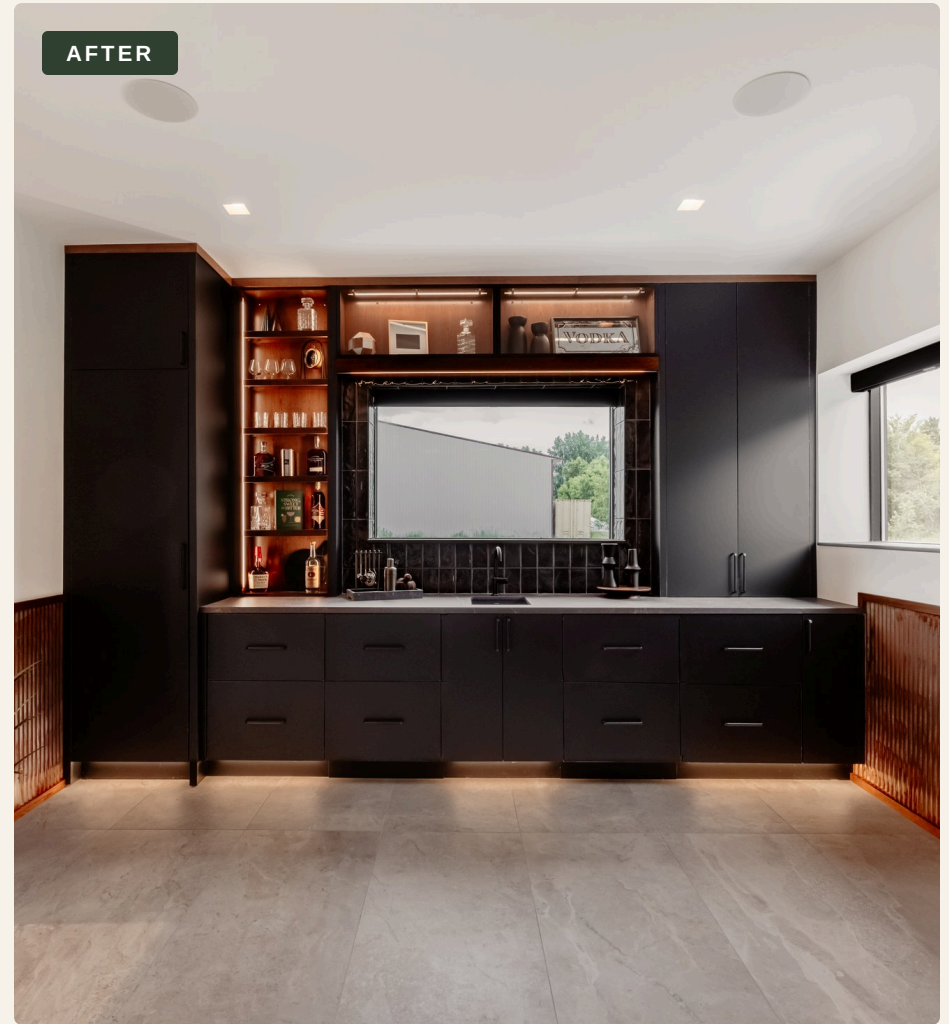
Located in Minneapolis, this aircraft hangar renovation transformed a dated 1994 building into a modern office and client lounge designed to welcome guests before and after their flights. The goal was to create a warm, inviting environment while maximizing functionality and preserving the openness of the hangar.

One of the first challenges was the interior lounge/kitchen/office area, where the existing 8-foot ceilings felt confined. To gain additional height without altering the structure, the mechanical system was redesigned with smaller ductwork, more creative runs, and spray foam insulation, to maximize every inch of ceiling space.

Another key challenge was the transition between the office and hangar. Originally connected by a small man door, the spaces were opened with a large glass wall and door system that created visual connectivity while maintaining a clean, modern aesthetic. This required significant structural engineering, including reinforcing the existing wall with concrete core filling to support the roof.

Clean, uninterrupted lines were a priority throughout both the garage and interior space. In the interior office space, Fry Reglet trim, recessed Lutron lighting, outlets, and switches reinforced the clean aesthetic, complemented by custom tin ceilings, wood slat wall paneling, and metal wall coverings.

In the garage, electrical wiring was concealed within conduit and routed through stone columns where possible, while utilities were hidden to preserve the minimalist design. In the rear interior parking area the existing concrete floors were replaced with insulated slabs featuring a vapor barrier and radiant in-floor heat, creating a comfortable, energy-efficient workspace. The original bi-fold hangar doors were also replaced with an outward-opening system, increasing usable interior floor space.



BEFORE & AFTER — LOUNGE/BAR

The goal was to create a modern, warm, and inviting environment where clients could gather before and after their flights—whether mingling, relaxing, or enjoying a drink of choice.



BEFORE & AFTER — KITCHEN/LOUNGE

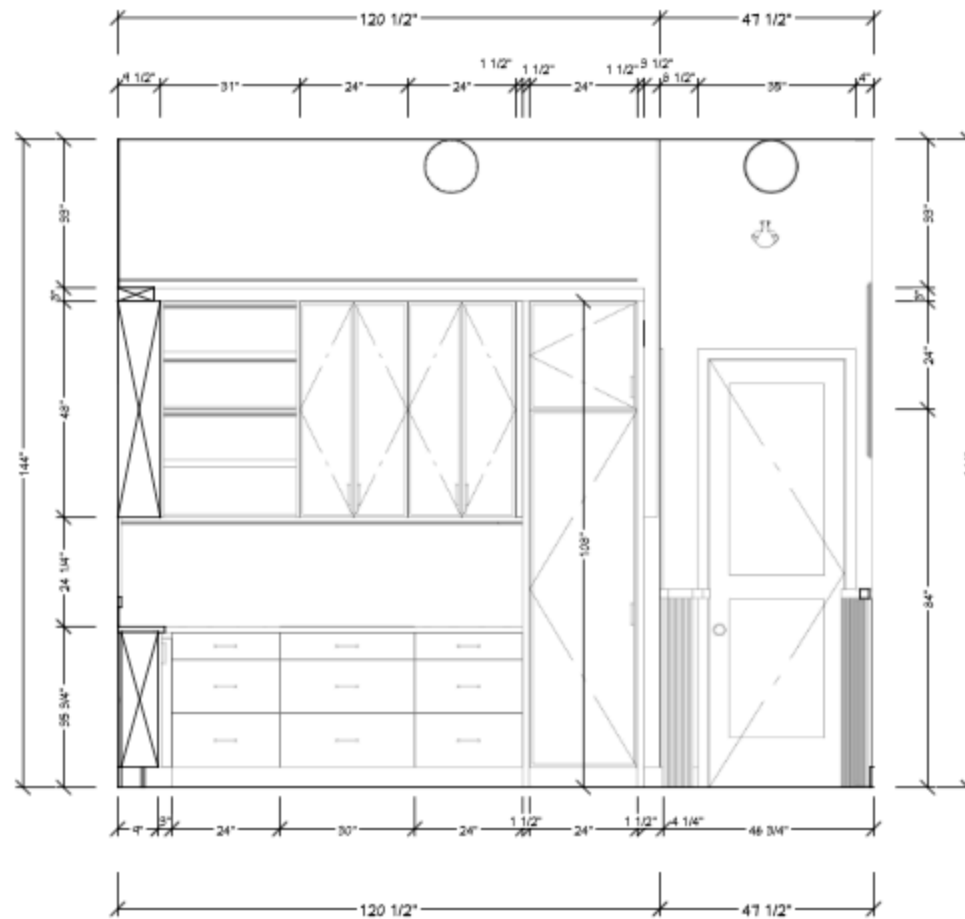
The design combines warm wood tones with a moody, modern aesthetic. A blend of black and wood cabinetry create contrast, while the textured tile backsplash adds depth and character. Integrated shelf and cabinet lighting highlights the architectural details, and oversized pendants anchor the bar. Concealed storage, clean lines, and a large island create a polished, highly functional space for gathering and entertaining.



BEFORE & AFTER — HANGAR TRANSITION

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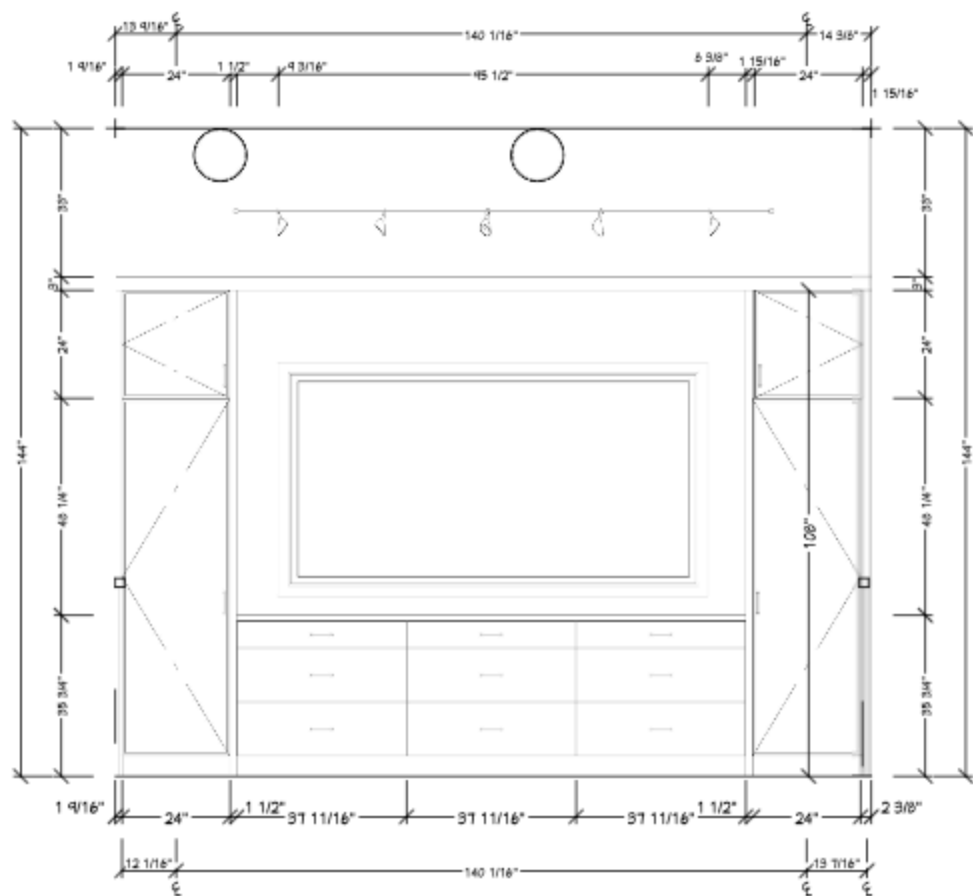
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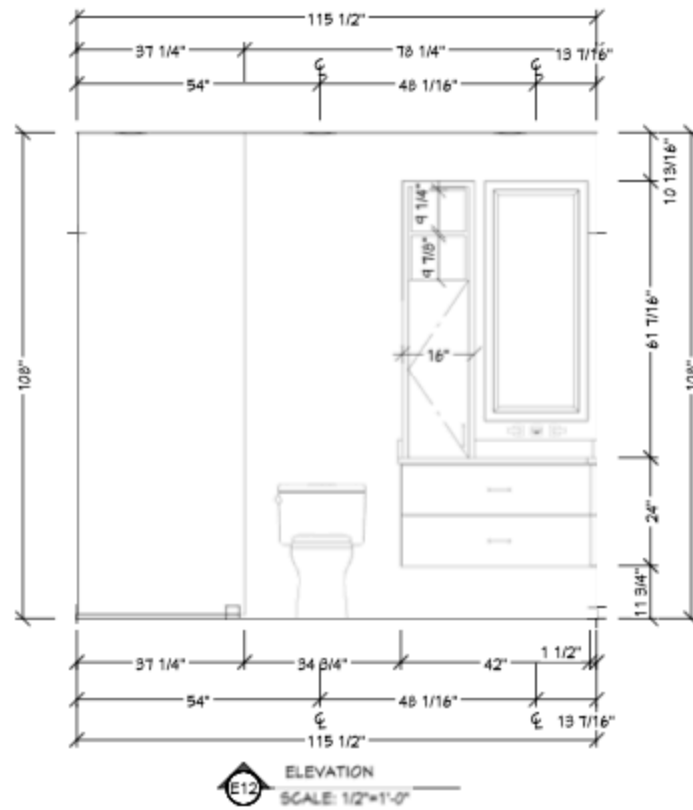
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BATHROOM ELEVATION AND RENDERING





OPEN-CONCEPT LOUNGE & KITCHEN

Wood slat paneling and a continuous material palette carry the eye from the lounge seating through to the kitchen and bar, preserving an open, uninterrupted flow across the space.



MEDIA WALL & LOUNGE

A custom media wall and layered seating create a comfortable gathering space for clients, while sightlines back to the bar and hangar keep the room connected to the rest of the building.



HANGAR/GARAGE



BATH & POWDER

In the bathroom a warm, modern aesthetic is continued through rich wood cabinetry, a stone countertop and backsplash, and dark plumbing fixtures. A mosaic tile surround frames the mirror and adds texture, while sculptural pendant lighting and an illuminated display cabinet bring dimension and visual interest to the small space.

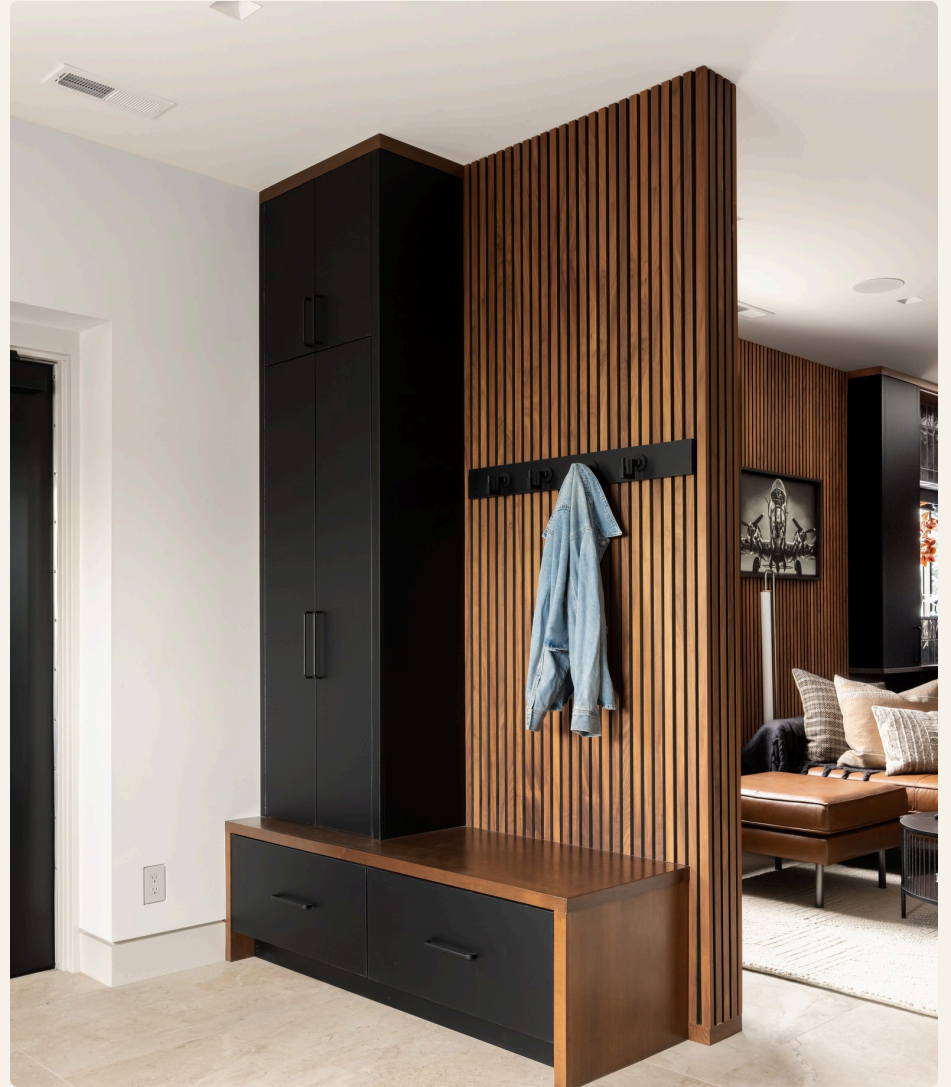


OFFICE





INTERIOR DETAILS





AMENITIES AND UTILITIES