

CASE STUDY



Full height and chair rail height glass walls with natural skylights create the architectural concept for the Main Street pathway that connects departments throughout the building.

Costa Farms: Our movable wall system fits a flexible headquarters design to a “T.”

Costa Farms, a leader in the indoor houseplant and bedding plant industry, is a growing company. As it planned its new 42,000-square-foot corporate headquarters in Miami, Costa Farms needed a facility that would grow with it.

Because the new building is designed on a grid system that allows the interior to “flex” with the changing needs of the business, Costa Farms wanted a more flexible alternative to drywall construction. The E2 Walls movable wall system was the perfect fit.



Costa Farm's new 42,000-square-foot corporate headquarters.



Glass walls control sound in the board room and decorative film adds privacy.



Another view of Main Street's open and transparent design using full height glass walls and entrance doors.



Sliding wood door with full size vision kit plus glass sidelight and transom.

Project details

The project, which included 3,000 linear feet of walls, glass, doors and hardware, was completed in February, 2013. The flexible interior build-out included:

- Series 225 and Ultrawall® movable walls
- Movable architectural glass walls and doors
- Finished wood doors with hardware; both hinged and sliding
- Systems office furniture; relocatable and reconfigurable
- Modular communications and data wiring*
- Flexible electrical packages* that drop from the ceiling through electrical chases in the wall systems and furniture systems
- Carpet tiles* that can be relocated, removed or replaced to meet the changing needs of the interior space

* Provided by others



Ultrawall® panels and 3/8" glass with decorative film provide sound control and privacy in the employee exercise room.



Carpet tiles will accommodate the changing needs of the interior space.



Private office with full height glass, solid wood door and transom with Ultrawall® dividing wall for sound control.



Modular data and electrical wiring drops from the ceiling through chases in the walls and systems furniture.

Professionalism and elegance

COMPASS Office Solutions, a dealer for a variety of commercial work environment products, integrated E2 Walls into the Costa Farms project because the product fit the owner's goals of flexibility and portability. AJ Suarez, the Costa Farms vice president in charge of the project, evaluated several options before selecting E2 Walls. He said that E2 Walls was less expensive than its competitors, and he was impressed with the company's experience. Suarez visited several E2 Walls installations before making his choice.



Large conference and training room with Ultrawall provides ideal sound control.

"I saw firsthand their professionalism, cleanliness and speed," he said. "I was pleasantly surprised by the attention to detail and elegance of the product finishes, from the aluminum extrusions to the door finishes, wall coverings and architectural glass."

— AJ Suarez, Vice President
Costa Farms
www.costafarms.com



Precision-engineered clear anodized aluminum components provide excellent fit and finish details.



"I really liked the design flexibility and the additional volume created by using modular walls that have a thinner footprint than conventional drywall."

— Benson Ellis, Project Architect
RLC Architects
www.rlcarchitects.com

"The open spaces in the E2 Walls shell construction made it easier for the other trades to work prior to the installation."

— Mike Quesada, Director of Operations
Link Construction Group
www.linkconstructiongroup.net

"The overall fit and finish of the E2 Walls product looks terrific. It's a client pleaser."

— Jose Diaz, President
COMPASS Office Solutions
www.compass-office.com





Private offices
with full height solid wood
door and transom, glass fronts and
Ultrawall® sound control dividing walls.



Another configuration of the private offices
with full height solid wood door and transom,
glass fronts and Ultrawall® sound control dividing walls.

Architects and construction managers see the benefits of E2 Walls

Benson Ellis of RLC Architects, the architect for the project, had never used modular products before. But he was impressed with the flexibility, aesthetics and technology of E2 Walls. “They pushed the envelope,” he said, “particularly with the extensive use of architectural glass walls in conjunction with overhead skylights, which created transparency and light throughout the building.”

Mike Quesada, Director of Operations for Link Construction Group, served as construction manager. “The E2 Walls process was quicker, cleaner and definitely saved money that would have been spent hauling drywall and metal framing scrap to a landfill, which is good for the environment too,” he said.

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Full height and chair rail height
glass walls in combination with
a ceiling skylight create a bright
Main Street intersection.

*“E2 Walls was amazing
in meeting deadlines
and in the speed with which they manufactured
and installed the product. And we’ve already
asked them to re-configure parts of the facility,
saving thousands of dollars compared to
demolishing and replacing drywall.”*

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