



## Award of Merit

Bonstra | Haresign Architects, LLP Hello Cupcake Washington, D.C. Completed 2008

Texture, color, and olfactory temptation drove the creation of Hello Cupcake, which is more than your average confectioner. Taking the cupcake as a starting point, the design team drew out the elements of its character in the icing swirls for the gypsum counter face and toppings as backlit totems. Pointing out the minimal jewel cases in the front window (each displaying exactly one cupcake) and the way one is drawn into the space, the jury admired the design team's attention to the street. Noted one juror, "no matter what I'm looking at, I think, 'mmm.'"

William J. Bonstra, AIA, Design Principal David Drobnis, AIA, Project Architect Brian Forehand, Interior Designer Photography: Maxwell MacKenzie

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Gensler (Baltimore) Gensler Office Baltimore, Maryland Completed 2009

Bringing people together, creating local identity within a multi-national firm, and showcasing innovative design strategies-three clear, if complex, goals that Gensler's Baltimore team set out to accomplish. Taking full advantage of the site to bring light into the middle of the space, the jury felt that the design team both expanded the studio's spaciousness while unifying the space. Green accents further connect elements of the interior space and the firm's plaza-side benches and bike racks. The subtle use of color, recycled materials, and energy-efficient systems captured the jury's attention as a sophisticated and enviable office environment.



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