



Mavis Wiggins

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Known for her unique, avant-garde approach to design, Mavis Wiggins has created outstanding workplaces for companies such as IEX Group, HBO, and NEX. She prizes the art of shaping space through design, a passion that began growing up in Northern California surrounded by great architecture and visual art. An early love of photography also helped establish her vision of the world. But it was in pursuing a BFA in interior architecture at Pratt Institute, mentored by industry legend Joseph D'Urso, that Wiggins found her true calling. Since joining TPG Architecture ten years ago, she has used her leadership position to act as a committed mentor. She strives to create an ongoing dialogue about race and representation in the industry and encourage young BIPOC designers to pursue their career aspirations. "As a young female designer, I felt a lot of eyes on me and some doubt regarding my ability, so I developed the confidence I needed to believe in myself," Wiggins says. "My general mantra to my mentees is: keep your eyes and ears open, stick to your convictions, and do not be discouraged by negative persuasion."

In a recent project, TPG consolidated Assured Guaranty's vast New York office into a more cohesive, two-floor space, with Wiggins designing a traditional layout that incorporates progressive elements. Town hall meetings are frequent, so the ample, well-appointed reception area with barista bar is frequently used to host events for clients and company leadership. Glass sliding doors allow for easy overflow into the adjacent reception area, where legacy and custom artwork and gallery benches repurposed from a live-edge wood table help add character to the space.

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"Design is meant to be a thoughtful expression, with a balance between creating clarity and emphasizing detail"

Clockwise from portrait: Interior architect Mavis Wiggins. A custom sculpture by Michael DeLucia, flanked by live-edge wood benches, dominates reception at Assured Guaranty's New York office; the backsplash mosaic tile behind the barista bar is by Sicis. The sleek conference room, which features a Newmat stretch ceiling and a Svend Nielsen table, epitomizes Wiggins's penchant for pure, unembellished spaces, learned from mentor Joseph D'Urso. Burnt-orange Tretford cord carpet enlivens a glass-enclosed meeting room. A José Parlá painting, one of the project's many commissioned art pieces, backgrounds reception seating.



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