

## **Quadrangle Wins Silver Award at 2016 International Association for Universal Design Awards**

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Nagoya, Japan – Today, Quadrangle was recognized with a Silver Award in the Architecture category for 100 Broadview Lobby at the sixth annual International Association for Universal Design (IAUD) Awards ceremony. This is the second IAUD win for the firm, who received a Universal Design in a Studio Environment Award for their own studio in 2013.

The objective of these awards is “to contribute to the healthy development of society, and improve the welfare of humanity as a whole, through further disseminating and actualizing of universal design.” Featuring 16 diverse entry categories, the awards program acknowledges both groups and individuals around the world who are proposing and creating new products, systems and urban development initiatives that promote accessibility for all.

100 Broadview, an adaptive-reuse renovation that converted a storage facility into a commercial rental building, had an inaccessible entranceway that also lacked street presence and visibility. Recognizing the value of a building with a fully inclusive entrance and a bold identity, the building’s owner gave up leasable space in order to transform the entry into a striking statement at grade, with a series of ramps that demarcate the property as a creative hub, that is also open to strollers, bicycles and mobility devices.

Quadrangle’s solution for the 100 Broadview Lobby effectively uses universal design on a number of levels to welcome those with vision loss and all levels of mobility. The first impact upon entering the lobby is a dynamic and interesting space: vibrant, high-contrast pathways give visual clarity, while the bold, orange feature ramp accommodates mobility devices of various widths. Additionally, Quadrangle’s colourful, custom-designed way-finding elements are carried throughout the building’s hallways and shared areas to provide clear navigation and branding.

According to Quadrangle principal Richard Witt, “100 Broadview is a physical manifestation of openness, breaking down both physical and psychological architecture through inclusivity -- actively demonstrating the benefits of a more accessible city. We’re thrilled to be recognized internationally by the IAUD for our unique solution to the retrofit of an existing building.”



## **About Quadrangle**

Quadrangle is a design studio of over 160 architects and interior designers who have served the business needs of our clients for over 30 years. We have worked across a diverse set of sectors, realizing the vision of clients big and small. Our projects create accessible communities, reinvent old spaces and innovate on tested ideas. We balance creativity with in-depth expertise to solve business challenges, building and evolving lasting relationships through the successful delivery of legacy projects.

The talent of our team and the stewardship of our leadership has earned us much acclaim and won many Canadian and international awards. While the recognition is gratifying, what we value most is the strength it adds to existing relationships and the doors it opens to new ones.

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