

Case Study | Florida International University

About the customer:

"As Miami's first and only public research university, offering bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees, FIU is worlds ahead in its service to the academic and local community. Designated as a top-tier research institution, FIU emphasizes research as a major component in the university's mission. The Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine and the School of Computing and Information Sciences' Discovery Lab, are just two of many colleges, schools, and centers that actively enhance the university's ability to set new standards through research initiatives."

<http://www.fiu.edu/>



Location:

Miami, FL

RT London Sales Representative:

Rachel Yarch, Interior Designer
RT London, Grand Rapids, MI

Design Firm:

Adalberto Delgado
MCHarry Associates, Miami, FL

**About the project:**

The Wolfe University Center (WUC) is a multipurpose building located in Biscayne Bay. Due to the success with Florida International University's (FIU) Parkview Residence Hall, the main campus recommended RT London to the WUC. RT London was offered the opportunity to provide lounge solutions and design recommendations for the remodel of Panther Square. RT London's design team worked directly with FIU and MCHarry Associates to complete space planning, electrical planning and material selections for a cohesive design. RT London completed all of the soft seating and tables and chairs in this 3-story space.

The Need:

As Florida International University has grown, the WUC has had limited lounge space and outdated building finishes. FIU requested that Panther Square have a range of seating solutions that include private, social, and group meeting areas with hard surfaces and power accessibility for the students. The overall design allows for students to have a comfortable study space in between classes that encourages socializing within a naturally lit edgy environment. The customer also requested that all material selections be in their school colors of blue and gold. The design team worked closely with the university to select materials that offered a sophisticated color palette while complementing the theme of water.

The RT London Solution:

RT London's expertise on installation, customer service, design services, American made product and warranty were all contributors in building a relationship with FIU and MCHarry Associates. "The overall experience was excellent. [RT London Interior Design Team] provided invaluable assistance in the selection of furniture for our project." Adalberto A. Delgado, RA, LEED AP, MCHarry Associates.

