

Eve: a world-class event space

A seamless collaboration in sound and sustainability at the RaDD Edge



CLIENT

IQHQ Research and Development District (RaDD)

PROJECT

Eve: a world-class event space on the top floor of the Edge building

LOCATION

San Diego, California

PARTNERS

Gensler
Turner Construction

PRODUCT

Custom Skipping Stones Ceiling Clouds
Custom Fracture Wall Panels

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Overview

[IQHQ \(Integrated Quest for Human Quality\)](#) invests in and develops urban real estate projects that support innovation, economic growth, and long-term community value, particularly in the life sciences and research sectors.

Their latest endeavor, the **Research and Development District (RaDD)**, is redefining San Diego's waterfront by integrating life sciences with vibrant public spaces.

As part of this transformative project, IQHQ envisioned the [Edge's](#) top floor as a world-class event venue—a place not only for hosting premium gatherings but for reinforcing the district's focus on accessibility, sustainability, and revitalization of the waterfront space.

Project objective

Create a destination event space on the top floor of the Edge that reflects the innovation and sustainability goals of IQHQ while offering state-of-the-art acoustics and captivating design.

The Eve event space

At the pinnacle of the Edge sits **Eve**, a premier event venue offering panoramic views of the San Diego Bay. More than just a location, Eve is a statement—a reflection of IQHQ's commitment to thoughtful design, sustainability, and community enrichment.

The design concept, led by [Gensler](#), emphasized warmth, acoustical comfort, and high-end aesthetics. This vision required a partner who could translate bold ideas into tangible, high-performance solutions.



Eve ballroom, product shown: Custom Skipping Stones Ceiling Clouds and custom Fracture Wall Panels



Custom Skipping Stones Ceiling Clouds

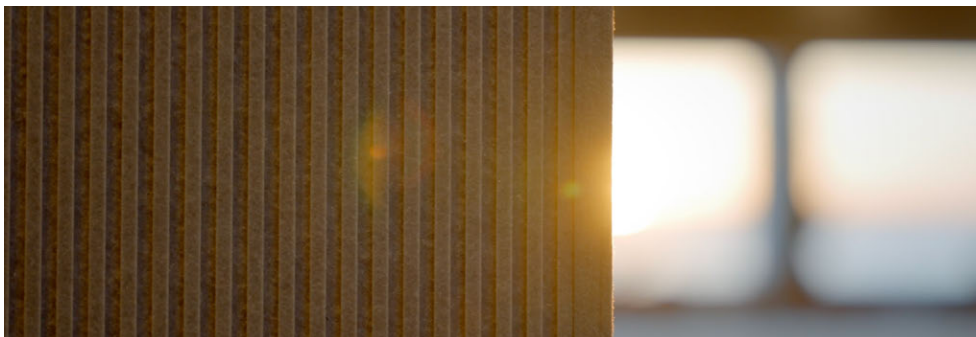
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Acoufelt's role: crafting the sound of innovation

To bring the acoustic and aesthetic vision of Eve to life, **Acoufelt** partnered closely with Gensler to deliver a bespoke ceiling solution that enhanced both form and function.

Key deliverables from Acoufelt:

- **Custom Skipping Stones Ceiling Clouds:** We designed [custom](#) sculptural acoustic clouds that merged artistic form with sound absorption. That custom work laid the groundwork for the launch of [Skipping Stones Ceiling Clouds](#), which bring a similar sculptural look to our standard product line.
- **Ceiling color scheme:** The custom Skipping Stones featured four interior colors: Wine Barrel from our [WoodGrain Collection](#), Ivory from our [Premier Collection](#), a custom taupe, and a custom beige. They were wrapped in Charcoal, also from our Premier Collection.
- **Wall treatment:** Two custom [Fracture Wall Panels](#) from our Premier Collection were made to complete the space. One was finished in Grey with no reveal, and the other in Metal with a one-inch reveal.
- **Integrated lighting:** Acoufelt sourced lighting that was seamlessly integrated into the ceiling system to maintain visual continuity.
- **Prototyping and engineering:** Life-size prototypes were developed, along with detailed engineering drawings, to ensure precision in execution.
- **On-site installation support:** A dedicated Acoufelt crew ensured flawless installation, managing on-site coordination and quality control.
- **Collaboration with project partners:** Acoufelt worked closely with [Gensler](#) and [Turner Construction](#) throughout the project, aligning on design intent, technical requirements, and logistics to ensure a smooth and successful execution.



Custom Fracture Wall Panels

About the RaDD

Designed by Gensler, the **RaDD** covers more than eight acres and spans six downtown city blocks, making it one of California's largest urban commercial waterfront sites. RaDD combines life science labs, office space, ground-floor retail, outdoor dining, and green spaces into a cohesive mixed-use campus, fully accessible and intentionally open to the community.

The district is a bold step forward in revitalizing San Diego's waterfront, offering:

- Over five acres of open green space
- Iconic public art installations
- Premium event and retail spaces
- Seamless access to public transit



Edge building at RaDD

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A Sustainable Statement

The materials and methods used in this project aligned with IQHQ's sustainability goals. Acoufelt's acoustic solutions are known for their [minimal environmental impact](#) and contribution to healthier indoor environments. This commitment ensured that Eve was not just a stunning venue but also a responsible one.

Conclusion

The transformation of the Edge building's top floor into Eve represents the convergence of design excellence, acoustic performance, and sustainable innovation. Through collaborative effort, Gensler and Acoufelt helped IQHQ achieve their goal of creating an iconic event space within one of San Diego's most ambitious urban revitalization projects.

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Have a bold design vision?

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