



Hannes Kovac, president and CEO of OPUS, stands with Deputy Mayor Joe Connelly at OPUS's recent open house. Photo by Jeff Nash.

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Opus Open House

Leaner, meaner and even more eager to please – this is the newly revitalized OPUS.

The well-known Calgary-based building design and construction company has emerged from the recession with a new attitude and improved operations.

On March 24, OPUS held an open house at their Calgary office to showcase their people and facilities.

“It’s a significant move; a signal of strength and moving forward. The big change happened as a result of the recession which we have been reacting to and we have behind us. I guess now things are good, things are positive. We’re

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~ Hannes Kovac,
president and CEO of OPUS



Calgary's business community came out to mingle and celebrate the new and improved OPUS at the company's office on 4th St. SW. Photos by Jeff Nash.



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young, strong and efficient and excited about moving forward," says president and CEO, Hannes Kovac. "We wanted to share our excitement with our customers and clients."

The smaller staff size has made it necessary for the company to become incredibly smooth on the operations side of things. Seamless integration between project management and accounting functionality in the office has improved greatly. Data is entered manually once and from that point all reporting is done electronically.

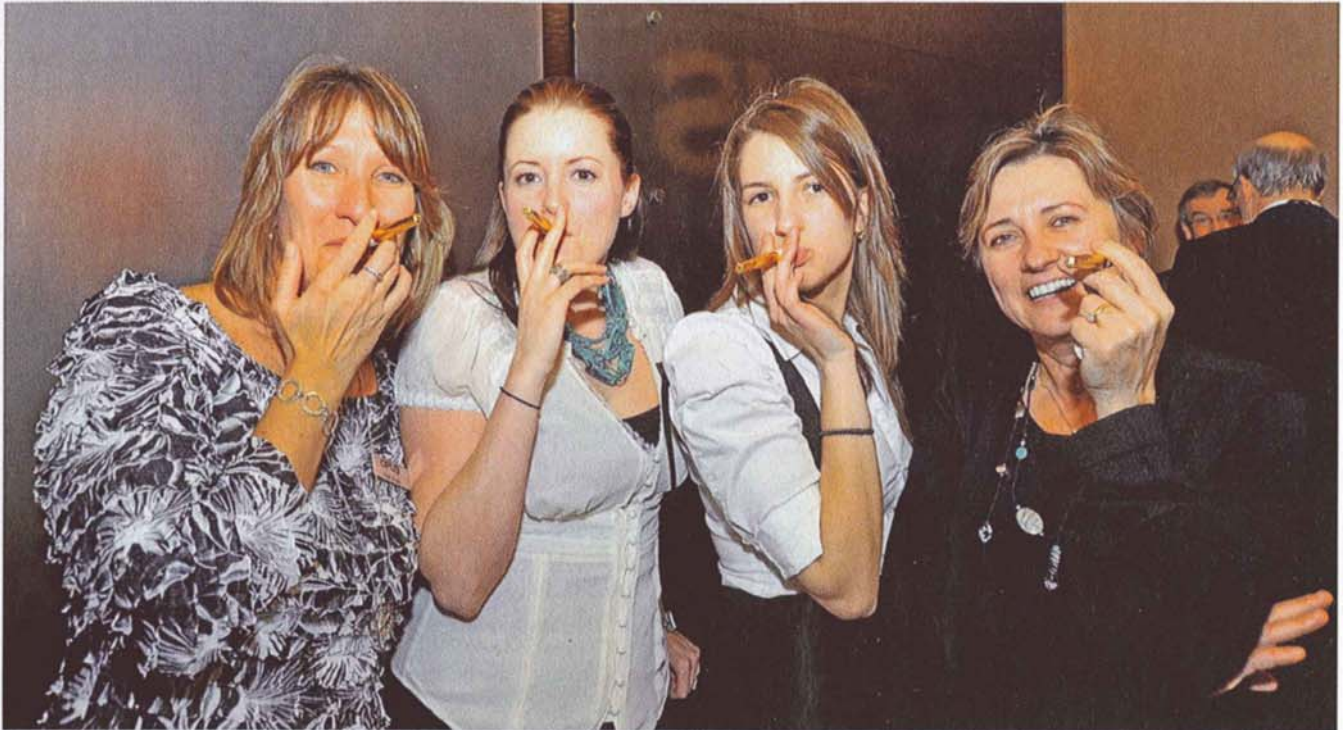
Communications have also improved, with a new soft-

ware package being used.

"We need less bodies to do the same amount of work," says Kovac. "We feel confident that when the economy ramps back up we won't have to hire back to the old staffing level that we had. It's almost like we used the recession where we had to change things as a rejuvenation exercise."

The final change has to do with the overall attitude of OPUS and the way they collectively go about doing business.

"If I'm positive, you're positive and our neighbour is positive then we are all confident. Then we do make



Some of the ladies at the OPUS open house have a little fun. (Left to right) Heidi Krebs, Tamara Becker, Liza Vainshtein and Debbie Harlos. Photo by Jeff Nash.

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the decision to grow our business and maybe move into a new space," he says. "At the end of the day we create our own business reality here in Calgary. So we're ready; we're exuberant and excited and we want that to jump over onto everybody else."

This new, revitalized OPUS offers clients an energetic and hungry company that just happens to have close to 30 years experience.

Along with its Calgary office, OPUS also has offices in Edmonton, Vancouver and Los Angeles. The staff of OPUS pride themselves on their unique 'design-build' method of office planning and design that involves all aspects of a project simultaneously. The method seems to work with General Motors, Future Shop and Toronto-Dominion Bank being listed among OPUS's list of clients. **BIC**



Bruce Abugov, Hannes Kovac and Richard Pootmans enjoy each others' company. Photo by Jeff Nash.