

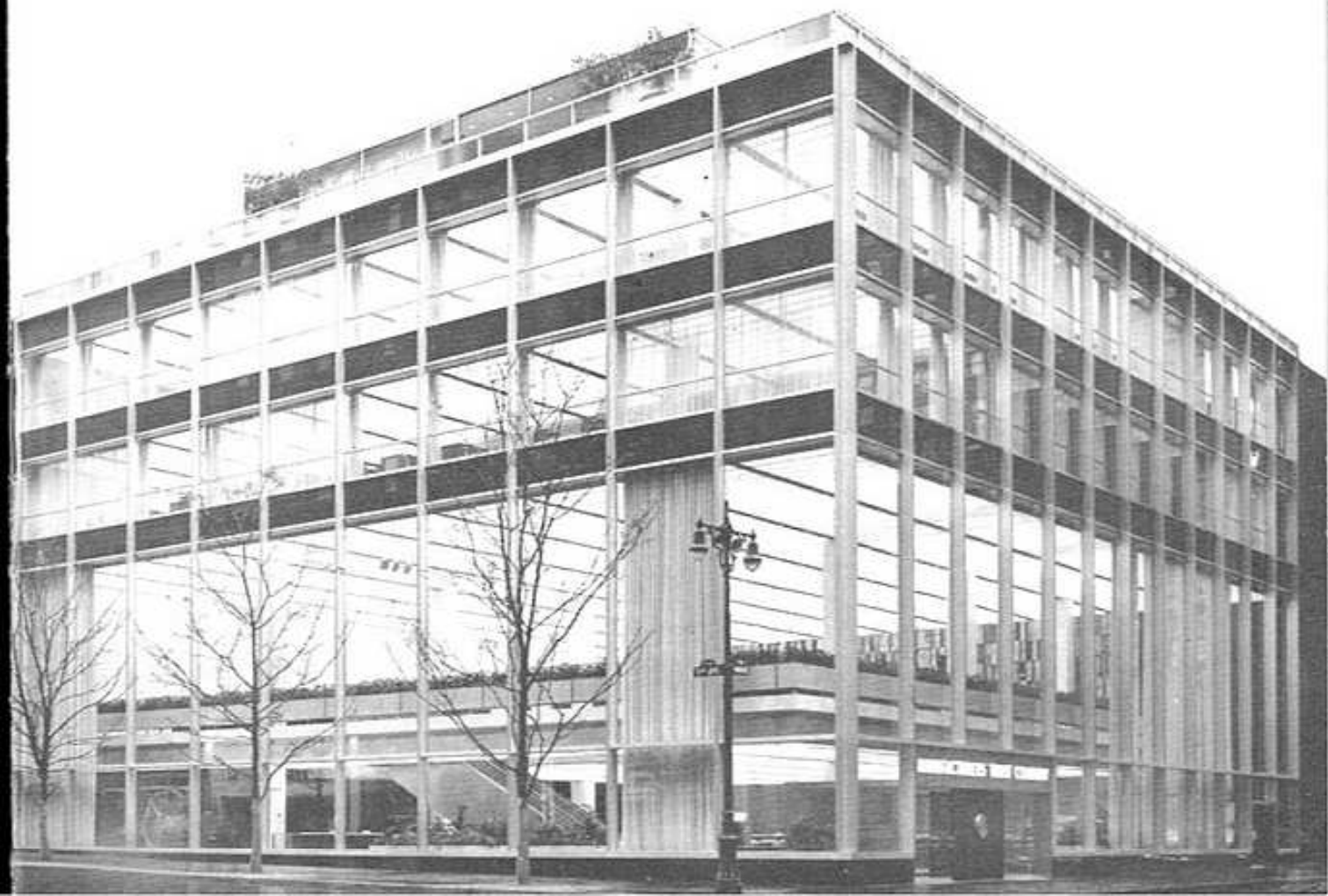
welcome...

to Our New Fifth Avenue Office

MANUFACTURERS TRUST COMPANY

Fifth Avenue and Forty-third Street

New York City



*Conveniently located
in the Grand Central area . . .
Designed for efficiency . . .
Dedicated to better banking service . . .*

April 1955



The main entrance
just off Fifth Avenue.

WELCOME to the Fifth Avenue office of Manufacturers Trust Company located in the heart of the Grand Central area!

This is the newest and largest of the company's one hundred and twelve Metropolitan New York City offices serving more than a million customers. It dramatizes the Trust Company's philosophy of everything a modern bank should be — a conveniently located, efficiently designed building fully equipped to meet all of your banking needs in a comfortable, friendly atmosphere.

The exterior walls of this five-story, air-conditioned structure are entirely of plate glass and polished aluminum. At night, light flooding through the glass walls accentuates the building's open look. Day or night, your panoramic view inside the bank reveals that modernity, both in architecture and banking service, is em-



The main vault with its decorative door is located on the first floor in full view of eight million New Yorkers.

phasized. Every technique of construction, lighting and design has been employed to contribute to a comfortable, inviting and efficient interior—designed, throughout, to serve you better.

A THIRTY-TON DOOR

Facing Fifth Avenue is a main architectural feature of the first floor—the bank's giant Mosler vault with its 30-ton door, 7 feet in diameter and 16 inches thick. This vault door was specially de-

signed for the Trust Company by Henry Dreyfuss, noted industrial designer, working in collaboration with the building's architects and with engineers of the Mosler Safe Company. It is stronger, heavier and thicker than the two Mosler doors that successfully withstood the atom bomb at Hiroshima. This door opens into the main vault housing safe deposit boxes and cash compartments. Customers and bank employees enter the vault through a second door just off the elevator lobby. The vault is equipped with the latest safety and electric protective devices, in addition to having reinforced concrete walls, 18 inches thick, lined with heavy steel plate. Its great weight of some two million pounds is supported by special foundations anchored in bed rock.

The first floor is devoted primarily to quick, convenient handling of the large volume of your everyday banking transactions. Here are teller positions for check cashing, installment loan transactions, special checking accounts, special interest and Christmas Club accounts, payrolls, and the sale of Register Checks. There is provision for flexibility in these positions so that additional employees can serve you during hours of peak demand.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

An officers' platform, conference rooms and coupon booths are also located on the street floor for your convenience. A second door on 43rd Street enables you to reach the safe deposit facilities without going through the first floor banking room. It also provides access after regular commercial banking hours.

COMPLETE BANKING SERVICES

The bank's main entrance just off Fifth Avenue has two large double doors of plate glass separated by a panel of polished Canadian black granite into which the night deposit facility is recessed. Opposite this main entrance is a specially designed escalator leading to the second floor and Main Banking Room. Twenty-four teller positions in this 7,000 square foot room provide the best possible service for your commercial accounts.

Also on this floor are areas for senior officers and representatives of the Foreign Department and the Trust Department. The Foreign Department is a complete unit; its services include the issuance of commercial letters of credit to



Volume banking transactions are carried on over the tops of open counters free from bars and grill work. Escalator carries visitors from this first floor to Main Banking Room, one floor above.

finance exports, imports and domestic shipments, collection of export drafts and other items payable abroad, purchase and sale of foreign exchange (including foreign coins and banknotes), foreign credit information, transfer of funds to almost any place in the world, issuance of travelers' letters of credit and the sale of travelers' cheques.

TRUST FACILITIES

A Trust Consultant assigned to the office is prepared to discuss ways in which the company can serve you as Executor or Trustee under Wills, Trustee under Agreements, Trustee under Pension or Profit Sharing Trusts, Custodian of securities, Escrow Agent and in many other fiduciary and agency capacities.

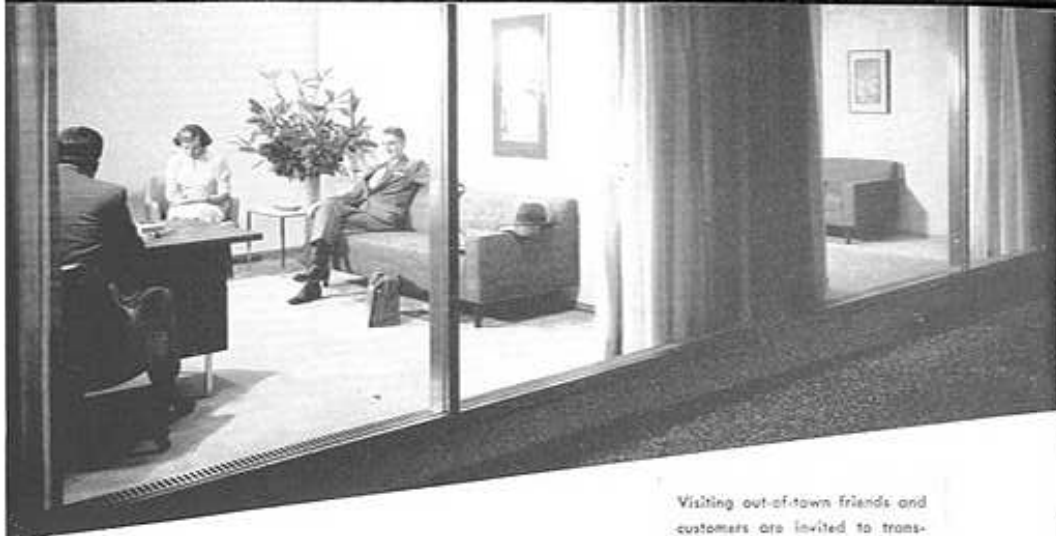


Contemporary art and design are skillfully blended with the physical requirements of present-day banking in the Main Banking Room on the second floor.

Because of a unique cantilever construction, there are only eight exposed columns in the Main Banking Room on the second floor. The building's glass walls support no weight, but hang like curtains. The floor is set back, mezzanine-fashion, some eight feet from these walls, thus there is a 32 foot expanse of glass reaching from ground level to the third floor. The largest panes are one-half inch thick, measure 22 by 10 feet and weigh 1,500 pounds. They are the biggest sheets of glass ever installed in a building in this country and posed challenging transportation and installation problems. Sealed in place, the glass insulates customers and employees from street noises and helps control the purity, humidity and temperature of the air.

The Main Banking Room is highlighted by a sculptured metal screen shaped and colored by artist Harry Bertioia's skillful use of an acetylene torch. It weighs six tons and is 70 feet long, 16 feet high and two feet deep. Metal panels, the basic unit of design, are repeated in varying depths throughout the sculpture. This variation of spacing, along with the play of light and shadow on the textured panels, lends unique interest to the work. A second Bertioia sculpture, a metal wire decoration of intricate design, is suspended from the ceiling of this room and meets your eye as you ascend the escalator.

The Personal Loan Department is located on the third floor. Private access to this section is



Visiting out-of-town friends and customers are invited to transact their New York business in attractive offices such as this.

provided through the bank's side entrance from which you can step into elevators to reach this floor. Six comfortably appointed interviewing offices insure confidential conversations regarding your loan transactions. A reception area for your convenience adjoins these offices.

Operating offices, bookkeeping, and mailing and record facilities take up the remaining space on the third floor. The Trust Company's Mortgage and Real Estate Department occupies the fourth floor.

Offices for the President of the bank and the Vice President in Charge of the Fifth Avenue office are on the fifth floor. Additional space is also available to accommodate visiting bank officers and out-of-town customers. Here, too, is the Directors' Room and a lounge, dining room and small kitchen.

DESIGNERS AND BUILDERS

The firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill was the architect for the building. The George A.

Fuller Company was the general contractor. Miss Eleanor LeMaire was the interior design consultant. Miss LeMaire and the architects have used color effectively, in wall sections, draperies and carpetings, with the basic scheme featuring gold, white and gray. Subdued, natural tones of ebony and brown predominate in desks, chairs and other furnishings. Plant boxes with greenery and flowers in season border the first, second and fifth floors. Trees flank the building on Fifth Avenue.

The efforts of Manufacturers Trust Company to build a better place for the public to bank were paralleled by its desires for a better place for its employees to work. Our 150 employees benefit



Every customer convenience and comfort amidst stimulating and friendly surroundings is provided for in the Fifth Avenue Office.



Working conditions for bank employees are enhanced by the facilities of a recreation room, lounge and lunch room.

by spacious working conditions, year-around air-conditioning, and color arrangements and lighting systems designed to rest the eyes. For their convenience, the building contains a lunch room, lounge and recreation area, all attractively decorated.

Nothing has been spared to provide bank personnel with conditions in which they can serve you better because it was their efficient service to our customers over the years that made this new and larger building necessary. Now both the bank and its augmented staff are dedicated to continued service to you in all your banking transactions.

SKIDMORE, OWINGS & MERRILL
Architects

WEISKOPF & PICKWORTH
Structural Engineers

SYSKA & HENNESSY, INC.
Mechanical Engineers

ELEANOR LE MAIRE
Interior Design Consultant

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GEORGE A. FULLER COMPANY
General Contractors

CLARKE & RAPUANO
Landscape Architects

LOAN DEPARTMENT

Commercial Loans
Personal Loans
Collateral Loans—stocks, bonds, cash surrender values of insurance policies, etc.
Specialized Loans—commodities, new machinery, accounts receivable

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

Import and Export Letters of Credit
Travelers Letters of Credit and Travelers Cheques
Foreign Remittances
Foreign Collections
Foreign Exchange
Foreign Currency and Coins
Foreign Credit Information

REAL ESTATE AND MORTGAGE DEPARTMENT

Construction Loans
Mortgage Management

TRUST DEPARTMENT

Executor or Administrator of Estates
Transfer Agent
Registrar
Trustee under Testamentary and Voluntary Trusts
Trustee under Pension and Profit Sharing Trusts
Escrow Agent

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

Safe Deposit Facilities
Checking Accounts
Special Checking Accounts
Savings Accounts
Christmas Club
Register Checks
Sale and Redemption of U.S. Savings Bonds
Credit Information

SERVICES TO MEET
YOUR EVERY
BANKING NEED

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation