Option D / Modern Warmth with Contrast

A complete neutral alternative: warm taupe, espresso, bronze, camel and natural wood.



OPTION D PALETTE

Warm taupe
Textured, non-white main walls

Espresso
Textured acoustic media wall

Warm wood
Integrated refrigeration and storage

Warm bronze
Simple hardware and lighting

Charcoal-brown
Quiet commercial carpet

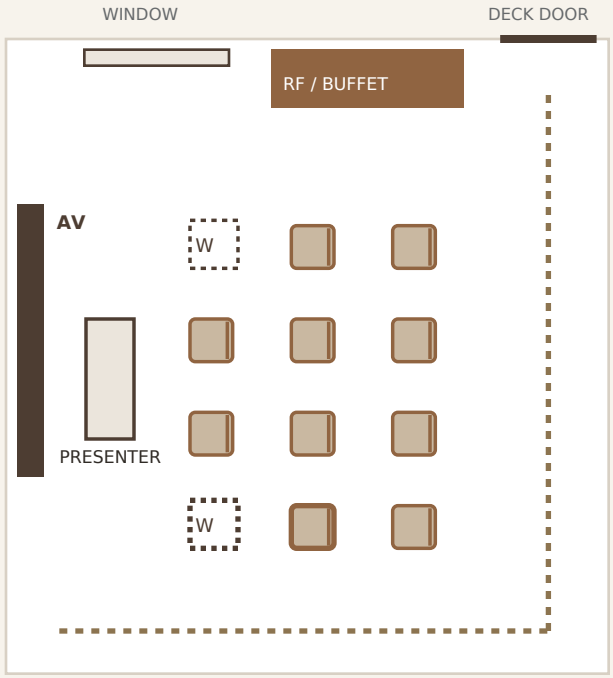
Illustrative rendering: based on IMG_20261012_154851.jpg and the supplied hallway references. It conveys finishes and arrangement; exact geometry, device locations, furniture scale and clearances are not verified. The window, pier, soffits and glazed-door relationship guide the proposal.

Three ways to use the room

Main-room relationship diagrams only. NOT TO SCALE. Exact irregular perimeter, doors and circulation require a measured plan.

MEETING / THEATER

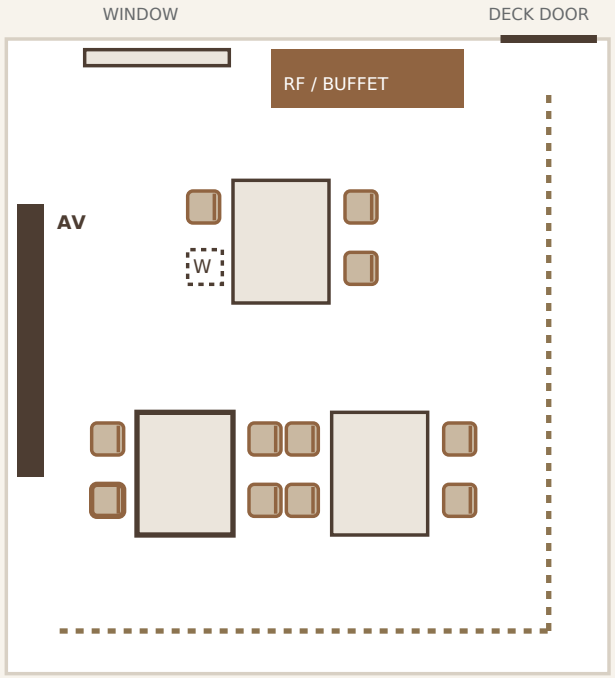
12 audience positions + 1 presenter



10 chairs + 2 mobility positions shown. Chairs face the AV wall at left. A presenter table replaces the lounge grouping.

BANQUET / PARTY

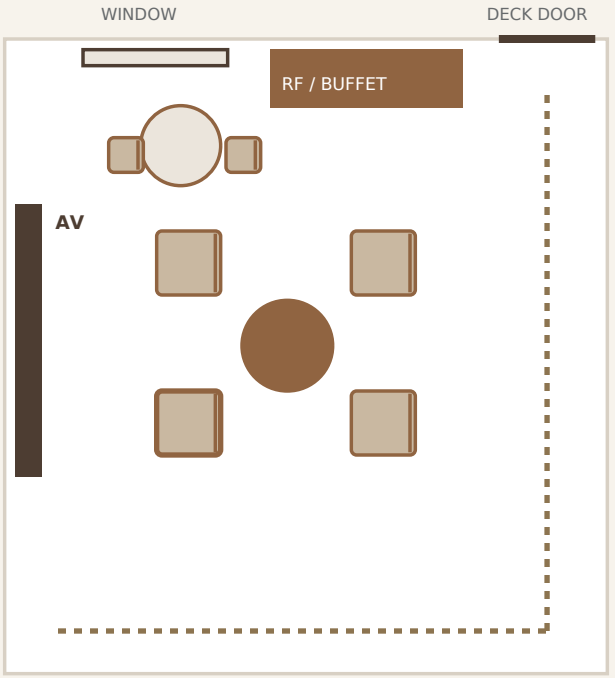
12 positions at 3 movable tables



11 chairs + 1 mobility position shown. Tables can join for meetings. Food queues must stay out of the door approach.

EVERYDAY LOUNGE

6 seats: 4 lounge + 2 cafe

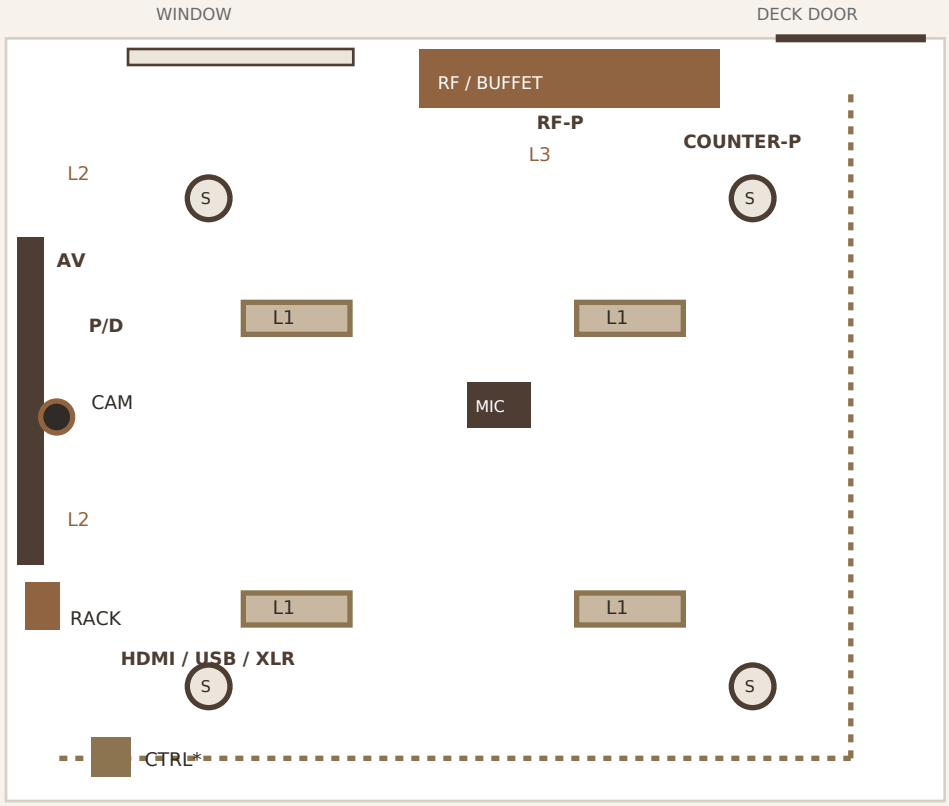


Four compact armchairs and two cafe chairs. Movable tables and lounge chairs require an identified parking/storage location for larger events.

Seat counts are examples, not approved capacities. Occupancy is unknown; these arrangements are not verified to fit or comply. Final counts must include presenters, staff and standing guests and stay within the approved load. Bronze dashed bands indicate intended circulation, not measured egress widths. *Hall connection is schematic; no new door is proposed.

Lighting + AV / coordinated systems

Concept positions only; retain ceiling geometry, life-safety devices and HVAC access. Symbols do not establish required fixture quantities.



HALL CONNECTION*

L1 = general; L2 = accent; L3 = buffet light; S = speaker; MIC = meeting microphone; CAM = camera; P/D = power/data; RF-P = refrigerator power. *Control location near actual entry, to be surveyed.

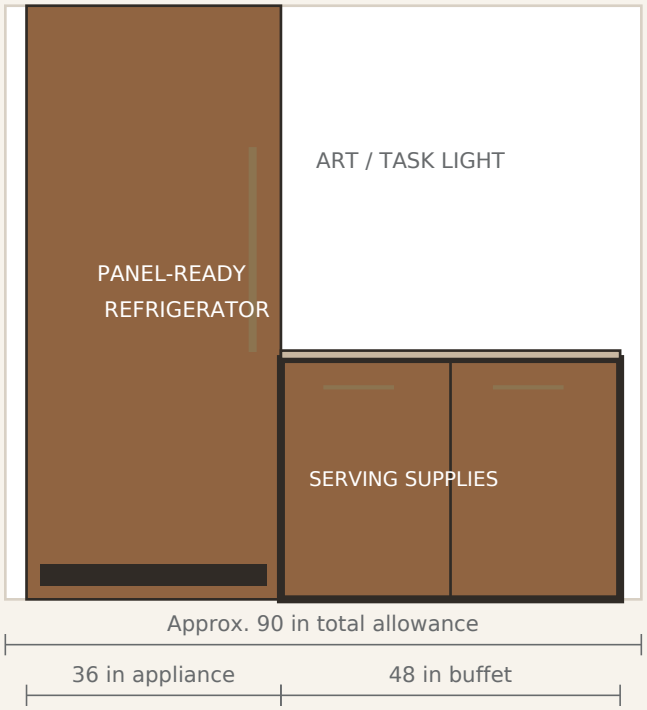
Presets: Meeting = bright faces; Presentation = dim screen wall; Event = warm accents; Cleaning = full light. Emergency/exit lighting remains independent.

System	Design intent
Zone 1	Bronze-rimmed low-profile fixtures; dimmable, nominal 3000K. Reuse suitable existing positions.
Zone 2	Bronze diffused sconces at media wall; separately dimmed to control screen reflections.
Zone 3	Buffet task and artwork light; retained soffit, no new cove.
Audio / video	85-98 in display allowance; camera near screen; distributed speakers and a ceiling/table mic system sized by integrator.
User inputs	Wireless handheld + lapel mic; wired XLR backup; wireless sharing plus HDMI/USB-C.
Equipment	Lockable ventilated rack, wired network, echo-cancelling processing and microphone charging.
Power / controls	Separate refrigerator and AV circuits in design. Catering outlets sized for actual loads. Simple accessible wall controls.

Millwork / two coordinated elevations

All dimensions below are approximate design allowances, not measured room dimensions. Do not fabricate from these sketches.

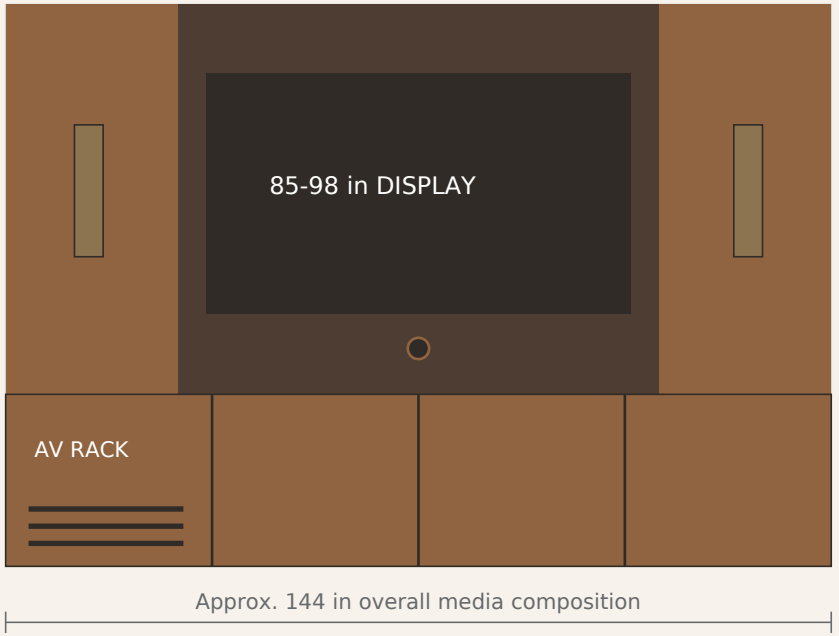
A / DRY CATERING STATION



Catering allowance: 36 in refrigerator + 48 in counter/storage + 6 in combined fillers/end panels. Refrigerator height assumed about 84 in; verify selected model and actual soffit height. Counter about 34 in high and 25 in deep; cabinet/appliance depth is model-dependent.

Refrigerator clearances: panel thickness/weight, hinge-side filler, door swing, ventilation free area and service access are all TBD by manufacturer. No generic clearance is approved. Keep the door approach clear with refrigerator open.

B / MEDIA + EQUIPMENT WALL



Media allowance: low cabinet about 30 in high x 24 in deep; display and camera mounting heights depend on seated sightlines. Panel height must fit the existing ceiling. Sketch shows an 85 in-class screen; larger sizes require rechecking.

Equipment clearances: rack depth, intake/exhaust area and service access by AV integrator. Separate equipment from food storage. Grilles shown are indicative, not a cooling calculation.

Finishes + furniture / practical selections

Performance brief for pricing and sampling. No product, color code, fire rating or quantity is approved by this concept.

Item	Proposed specification direction	Operation / verification
Floor	Commercial low-pile solution-dyed nylon carpet tile; charcoal-brown with subtle taupe/bronze texture. Compatible LVT at buffet if a flush transition can be achieved.	Keep spare carpet tiles. Confirm substrate, rolling-furniture suitability and cleaning program. Rendering shows continuous carpet for visual simplicity.
Walls / acoustics	Warm taupe washable finish or Type II vinyl wallcovering. Espresso fabric-wrapped absorptive panels at AV wall; smooth wood framing.	Class A wall/acoustic assembly selection target; confirm installed assembly and applicable code. Absorption amount requires room assessment.
Millwork / counter	Warm wood veneer on selected fronts; durable matching laminate on high-contact surfaces. Warm beige solid-surface counter, bronze pulls, closed supply storage.	Full-size finish sample; wipeable interiors. Select tray refrigerator before cabinet shop drawings. No sink or water feature assumed.
Meeting / dining	Taupe/camel upholstered commercial stacking chairs. Woodgrain laminate flip-top nesting tables; bronze frames and locking casters.	Final count after survey/occupancy check. Confirm stack height, cart footprint, door fit and staff handling.
Lounge	Four curved camel/taupe armchairs, two cafe chairs, a wood cafe table and two movable stone-look nesting tables with bronze bases.	These six seats are a concept allowance. Armchairs do not stack; identify a parking/storage location before buying.
Storage	Dedicated bays for chair carts, nested tables, supplies and microphone charging.	Open and measure existing closets. If unavailable, reduce inventory or identify approved off-room storage; never use the exit passage.
Window / lighting	Commercial roller shade at existing window. Warm dimmable bronze ceiling/accent light and buffet task light.	Confirm glare control, cleaning, finish documentation, camera light levels and device/HVAC access.

Board comparison / the three palette references

Option D is developed here as a complete alternative to the earlier blue mid-century scheme.

Board consideration	D / Modern Warmth - this option	M / Mid-Century	F / Acoustic Wood
Look	Taupe, espresso, bronze; quiet and neutral.	Taupe, muted blue, warm wood and brass.	Same warm blue palette, with wood/acoustic focal wall.
Flexibility	High with movable furniture.	High with movable furniture.	High if wood treatment remains on walls and lounge inventory stays compact.
Durability	Commercial finishes proposed; verify product performance.	Commercial finishes proposed; verify product performance.	Comparable; protect wood edges from furniture and carts.
Acoustics	Carpet plus espresso fabric absorbers integrated into media wall.	Carpet plus coordinated fabric absorbers.	Carpet plus tested wood and fabric absorption; performance still needs design.
AV capability	Full shared AV brief.	Full shared AV brief.	Full shared AV brief; display visually integrated into focal wall.
Millwork / storage	Simple flat-front integrated refrigerator, buffet and AV cabinet.	Similar, with warmer wood emphasis.	Similar core storage; more coordinated media-wall detailing.
Maintenance	Smooth wood faces; vacuum fabric panels and clean flooring.	Routine floor and surface cleaning.	Same, plus periodic dusting of panel grooves.
Relative cost	$$	$$	$$ to $$$ depending on acoustic panel and millwork extent.
Install disruption	Moderate: flooring, electrical, AV and cabinetry.	Moderate: similar scope.	Moderate to higher: additional panel installation and coordination.

Board choice: choose D for an understated neutral room with espresso contrast and fewer decorative grooves to maintain. Choose M/F for stronger blue color and mid-century character. AV, tray refrigeration and storage requirements remain comparable.

Cost and closure: tiers are relative only, not estimates or schedules. Budget, dimensions, utility capacity, storage and contractor pricing are unknown. Fabrication lead times and room closure duration need vendor proposals.

Next decisions / making the plan buildable

Option D remains an alternative for board review. Survey and coordination precede furniture orders or fabrication.

Owner / consultant	Confirm next	Why it matters
Building / commission	Room boundary and dimensions; ceiling/soffit heights; posted occupancy; closet contents; event priorities; working budget.	Establishes capacity, actual storage, and whether the recess can accept the catering station.
Licensed architect	Approved use/load, accessible seating/routes/counter, exits, door clearances, finish requirements, existing rated assemblies and permits.	No occupancy or code-compliance determination is made in this package.
AV integrator	Display sightlines, speaker/mic coverage, camera views, echo cancellation, network, controls and assistive listening.	All three furniture modes need intelligible speech and simple operation.
Electrician	Existing panel capacity; refrigerator/AV circuits; catering loads; lighting controls and concealed wiring route.	Keep cables out of circulation. Preserve required emergency and exit lighting.
Millworker / appliance supplier	Actual tray sizes and shelf/door fit; common-area warranty; panel, ventilation, hinge and servicing requirements.	A nominal 36 in appliance width does not prove tray fit. Verify all clearances before shop drawings.
Plumbing / operations	Dry catering use assumed; no ice maker/dispenser or sink. Confirm caterer procedures and any applicable sanitation provisions.	A water feature or required plumbing provision would change scope and cost.

SOURCE BASIS

User-supplied seven room photographs (IMG_20261012_154843 through 154854, including 154853); 8th_20Floor.pdf survey; hallway concept boards D, M and F; user confirmations dated 12 October 2026. Existing room images support relationships, not measured dimensions.

Chicago wall and ceiling finish provisions

ADA accessibility standards - assembly/assistive listening

Integrated refrigerator installation guidance - model-specific details required

Shure meeting and conference audio systems guide

Web references reviewed during concept development on 12 October 2026. Product examples establish design considerations only; specifications and applicability must be verified for this project.

Meeting + party / long-table alternative

The same finish palette and camera view, furnished with three long rectangular tables and coordinated movable chairs.



FLEXIBLE TABLES

Warm woodgrain tops, slim dark frames and camel/taupe upholstery. Final furniture should stack, fold or nest as appropriate.

MEETINGS

Suitable concept for discussion groups. For screen-led meetings, turn chairs or rearrange tables toward the display.

PARTIES

Separate tables allow seated food service. Protect a continuous door approach and working space at the buffet.

Illustrative arrangement only: table sizes, chair counts, aisle widths and refrigerator access are not verified. This is an additional long-table study, distinct from the compact 12-position party diagram on page 2. Final seating and circulation require a measured plan and approved occupancy.