

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL ENTRANCE LOBBY

Wall Cladding
Milwaukee, Wisconsin USA

DS-1



Northwestern Mutual, a financial services company based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has expanded into a brand new, modern office space - in a building that is nearly a century old. The company worked with Eppstein Uhen Architects, Milwaukee, to completely renovate the interior of Milwaukee's Van Buren building, built in 1926, and Banker Wire woven wire mesh now clads its central elevator banks.

After consulting with Banker Wire, designers selected DS-1 woven wire mesh for the space. Gently undulating flat wires woven with thinner, straight wires produce a robust, symmetric fabric with soothing qualities that bring visual depth to this vertical application. The opaque metal fabric contrasts texturally with the smooth elevator door and complements the warmth of nearby wood paneling for a modern aesthetic that achieve the architect's design goals.

"The Banker Wire woven wire mesh contributed a valuable design solution for this space. Integration of the mesh around the elevator openings not only solved our concerns regarding durability and seaming at the control panels, but the pattern's high degree of opacity also satisfied our aesthetic expectations of the material," says Jennifer Herr, senior interior designer with Eppstein Uhen Architects.

