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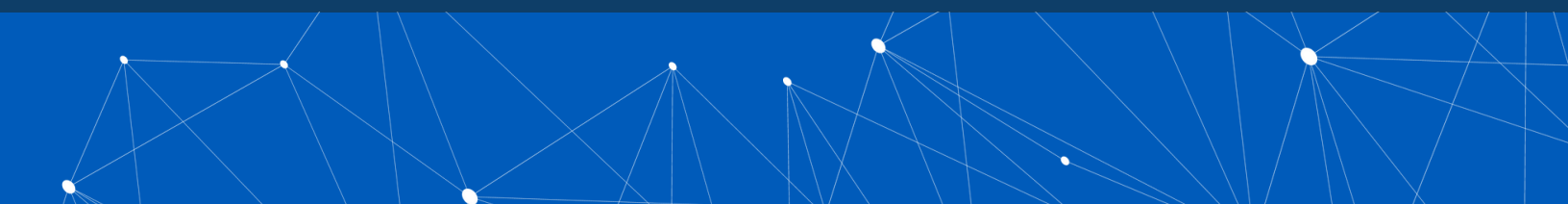


A Leading Global Medical Technology Firm Innovates Their Employee Experience with State-of-the-Art AV

Edwards Lifesciences is a global leader of patient-focused medical innovations for structural heart disease and critical care monitoring. Driven by a passion to help patients, the company collaborates with the world's leading clinicians and researchers to address unmet healthcare needs, working to improve patient outcomes and enhance lives.




Headquartered in Irvine, California, Edwards depends on a seamless connection among their colleagues, partners, and customers, on-site and remotely. Their audiovisual systems significantly impact productivity and company culture, providing both access and support for all employees.



Edwards is dedicated to improving and maintaining a sustainable work/life balance, prioritizing the health and well-being of individuals in their community. As the company's headquarters, their Irvine, CA, location is innovative in developing its facility to support individual well-being and team dynamics.

The Edwards corporate headquarters includes many open workspaces and outdoor areas, a large cafeteria with various food and beverage options, and recreational facilities such as a large park, jogging track, fitness center, basketball court, and beach volleyball court.

Serving 5,000 employees onsite, the Edwards Community Center is designed to increase collaboration, support individuals with well-being resources, and encourage people to focus on their physical health. In an effort to increase activity in the building, Edwards Lifesciences wanted new technology to boost the employee experience in their gym.



*"Being in the innovation business, we are looking to show that with everything we do, we are looking through an innovative lens.
Tom Porter, Sr. Vice President of Corporate Service, said.*

In hopes of increasing employee enthusiasm and adding a wow factor to their facility, Edwards turned to Spinitar, a Solutionz, Inc. company, for the latest AV solutions. Spinitar has been a trusted partner of Edwards for over 7-8 years, upgrading most of the conference spaces in the facility.



Dave Novak, Chief Technologist and Account Manager, alongside his team, was tasked with designing a creative AV system with standardized technology that any employee, regardless of their AV experience, can operate with ease.



Armando Cueto, Audiovisual Sr. Manager of IT at Edwards Lifesciences, said, "Our vision was to have ultra-wide video walls displaying sceneries that make you feel like you're running in a forest, in a street, or touring France. Employees should know how to change things like sound, displays, and controls without complications."



The Spinitar team turned to their manufacturing partner, Nanolumens, for large, high-resolution displays that allow users to separate images or showcase one large stitch image. This included two curved video walls that are 36' wide and one curved video wall that is 24' wide, designed to match the radius of the wall. With Christie's Pandoras Box video processor, users can upload video content on their visual signage. Additionally, the system includes a powerful background music system with QSC equipment, enhancing the audio throughout the facility.



The team at Edwards wanted a solution that was easy to use, innovative, and reliable for daily operation. In an effort to accomplish their goals, Spinitar's team of AV experts designed and installed a system based on the following requirements:



Functionality

Based on the daily operations at Edwards Lifesciences, it was essential for the team to design an AV system that includes user-friendly technology for their employees to connect and collaborate.

Aesthetics

The large, curved monitor and background audio system provided a wow factor in the gym, promoting innovation and encouraging employees to use the community center's resources.



Project Scope

As a preferred partner in enterprise AV solutions, Spinitar, a Solutionz, Inc. company, met the needs of Edwards and provided them with the latest technology throughout the design and installation process.



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As a result of installing state-of-the-art AV technology in the employee community center, patrons at Edwards Lifesciences get to experience simplified communication and collaboration at its finest. The refreshed technology empowers people to collaborate on-site and globally with their partners and peers regardless of their location.

Empowering employees to harness creativity and expertise, Edwards Lifesciences invested in state-of-the-art tools to help individuals and teams thrive. As a result, employees are now offered one-of-a-kind experiences that result in best practices for good health, wellness, and innovation.

"In the end, it's about value. We don't look for the least expensive. We don't look for the most expensive. We look for the best value".

Said Tom Porter, Sr. Vice President of Corporate Service, Edwards Lifesciences.



He continued, "we're happy with the results, and I think the feedback, I can tell you, is it's not just the employees. When I see people bring in their kids or their parents and come to the gym, that tells me they're proud of it. Them being proud of it says a lot about how we hit our goal: people know that we are looking after them and we did the job right."

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Despite inevitable supply chain challenges, Spinitar managed to be flexible and execute alternative solutions to ensure that Edwards' AV system remains up and running for important meetings and daily activities.

"My team always knocks it out of the park. They get everything done on task and schedule. So many hours went into pre-production, but seeing it all come to life was a matter of their collaboration, teamwork, and working around the clock to make this project a reality."

Said Dave Novak, Chief Technologist.



"If you bring people together, you help people get to know each other. When they finally get to know each other, they get to trust each other. When people trust each other, they're willing to take risks. When you take risks, that's where innovation evolves! The community center creates opportunities and options for employees — things that they use and need to work."

Said Tom Porter, Sr. Vice President of Corporate Service, Edwards Lifesciences.



As a preferred AV partner, Spinitar, a Solutionz, Inc. company, will continue to provide Edwards Lifesciences with the latest technology designed to support their employees as they innovate to help people live longer, healthier, and more productive lives.

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