Mutual Life of Canada Building

The design of the building was developed from a standard plan from the client which established the office layout, stair positions, etc. One unfortunate result was that the main stairs in the building straddle a column line and forced the position of the entrance door from the lobby to the main building right up against an exterior column. The problem was then to relate an entrance lobby to the main building in an orderly manner and to disguise to some degree the position of the inner door beside the column. It was also felt that the lobby should in no way obscure the expression of the structure of the main building. The design therefore aimed at a very clear visual separation of the two. The roof plate is set clearly apart from the skin of the main building and the channel structure and marble walls of the lobby are separated by a floor to ceiling glass panel and related to the main building by means of a strong base.

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Detail

Wall Sections & Main Entrance

First Floor Plan