

# Office of the Future: Apple

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## Apple launches its 'Spaceship' headquarters

The late Steve Jobs had the vision behind Apple's second headquarters in Cupertino, California — a venue officially known as Apple Park but dubbed the Spaceship by many.

The vast, \$5 billion circular structure features giant glass windows and doors, an open-plan design that largely replaces desks with large tables, huge atriums, a roof lined with solar panels, and an indoor-outdoor ambience perfect for its Silicon Valley setting. Foster + Partners handled the project's design work.

In total, the 175-acre campus has 7,000 trees (including fruit orchards), 1,000 bicycles that are kept on site for employee use, two miles of walking and running tracks, a 100,000-square-foot fitness center, underground parking, and a host of other amenities.

The project has not been without its challenges since its opening last year, though. Several employees have been injured after walking into the highly transparent windows, walls or glass doors at the complex, apparently revealing that beautiful design sometimes fails to consider prosaic dangers.



People enter the Steve Jobs Theater before the start of the event. Image: Reuters