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## Lawson shares inside look at new downtown Norfolk workspace with 360-degree views

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Lawson, a real estate development, construction and management firm, recently moved its corporate office from Virginia Beach to one twice as large on the 16th floor of 150 W. Main St. in Norfolk. (Courtesy of Lawson)

Lawson, an apartment development, construction and management firm, recently moved its corporate office into about 20,000 square feet on the 16th floor of 150 W. Main St. in downtown Norfolk to accommodate its growing team. The office space replaces 9,600 square feet in Virginia Beach that the firm occupied since 1992.

Team members enjoy 360-degree views of downtown Norfolk and the Elizabeth River with easy access to downtown restaurants, events and entertainment, the firm said. The large kitchen and break area offers standard amenities such as coffee, tea, microwaves and fridges, but foosball, Ping-Pong and shuffleboard tables bring some fun to break time. Multiple kitchenettes provide additional opportunities for coffee or a cold beverage. A privacy room with a television and massage chair is also available.



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The Lawson marketing team designed a large mural for the reception wall highlighting the company's purpose, "to positively impact people." The artwork features photos and renderings of Lawson properties as well as company founder, Bob Lawson, and the team is currently working on adding 3D elements to create depth and turn the wall into an art piece.

The new office is a homecoming of sorts for Lawson, the company said.

"This all started in 1875," Steve Lawson told attendees at the ribbon-cutting celebration. "My great-grandfather, W.H. Trice, started a business in Norfolk doing real estate and insurance brokerage. In 1946, my grandfather, Ralph Bush, started his construction and development business in Norfolk. Then in 1972, my father started this company here as well. This year we're celebrating 50 years in business. We couldn't have done this without the support of everybody in this room. Thank you."



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