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Allegro's coffee bar stands ready to serve real estate agents in need of a dose of caffeine.

Caffeine and inspiration flow freely around here

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Walk into Allegro Realty Advisors, a corporate real estate advisory firm, and you'll be greeted not by a receptionist at a desk but by a fully equipped coffee lounge. Seated on stools around an island, employees sip fresh-brewed coffee and espresso while watching CNN on the plasma television.

"This company was conceived in coffee houses," says Russell Lamb, principal. "And to this day we still conduct a lot of our business in coffee houses. Caffeine has been an important thread with this business, and we wanted to reflect that history when designing this space."

The motivation for locating the lounge at the entrance, rather than tucking it away in an

employee break room, was to share that informal "coffee-house" feel with clients and guests.

Located in Thornburg Station, beside the Ohio and Erie Canal, the 3,000-square-foot space offers views of the Cuyahoga River and folks walking or riding along the Towpath Trail.

Vaulted ceilings, an open floor plan and abundant natural light provide the 14 employees with a refreshingly pleasant work environment.

"These details are more for our employees than clients," Lamb explains.

"Having a high-tech, cutting-edge space helps us attract and retain the kind of talent that we want."

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Sculpture highlights Allegro's waiting area.