



KYA Background:

KYA is a values based organization with an architecture firm (Design Group) and an innovation firm (the KYA Sustainability Studio). The KYA Design Group, a boutique architecture firm that specializes in retail, education, aviation design and planning and has been around 40 years. The KYA Sustainability Studio helps organizations - from small businesses to big agencies - develop sustainability programs. The Studio is a sustainability consultancy *and* a think tank, a unique blend they appropriately call an innovation firm. The Studio has an interdisciplinary team, brought together to develop solutions considering all perspectives, from legal to cultural.



Sustainability:

- KYA is a certified B Corporation, which means it is a for-profit that acts like a non-profit by making legal commitment to consider *environmental and social impacts* when making decisions, not just financial
- KYA volunteers as Facilitators of the International Living Futures Institute (ILFI) Honolulu Collaborative--a hui of local advocates, practitioners, policy makers, and technical experts committed to Living Building Challenge projects in Hawaii. As trained ILFI Ambassadors, they host quarterly community events with outreach to local petal experts (e.g. Site, Water, Materials, Health, etc.) to raise awareness, generate discussion, and build the Honolulu Collaborative
- The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) produces one of the world's most prevalent standards for sustainability reporting—a key Studio service since KYA has four certified GRI reporters on staff and is the only GRI Organizational Stakeholder in Hawaii

Solid Waste Reduction & Energy Conservation:

- KYA reduced its waste by 40% from 2009 levels
- A 28.6% energy reduction has been accomplished by KYA through purchasing energy saving equipment and installing efficient lighting throughout their office