

It's time to come together once again. To collaborate. To share thoughts. To plan strategies. To celebrate the everyday wins. In person. Side by side. Together for a real high five.

The water cooler talk is waning. We don't even know what show to watch next. Our culture is changing and we miss it. We miss the people. We miss **you**. Your presence. Your on-the-spot quick thinking.

We get it. We had to work from home. It was necessary. And we discovered things we loved. And some other things maybe not so much.

But it's time. It's time to re-engage at the office. The new office. A place that fosters conversations. That allows us to work smarter. That has the comforts of home. That energizes us with the buzz of business.

We're ready. With products to bring spaces, people, and big ideas to life. It's time to engage.

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## THE NEW OFFICE

After several years of working from home, companies are bringing employees back. But it won't be business as usual. There's a new normal. And this includes more hybrid models, more relaxed areas, and readily available quiet spaces intermixed with the continued needs of private offices and meeting spaces. It's about flexing the function of your spaces to meet the needs of all types of workers.

Throughout the pandemic, it became evident that employees can be productive outside of the standard office setting. Yet there was something missing. Collaboration. From a work standpoint, yes, but also with socialization and maintaining the company culture. Studies show time spent in the office helps to build morale, camaraderie, and contributes to cross-training among employees.

Moving forward, hybrid working will become a mainstream practice, giving employees more choice in when and where to work. It will be key for companies to balance individual and organizational needs, enticing workers to engage at the office and feel productive within the available spaces. It's these spaces that need to evolve to accommodate the new styles of working and this can be done through supportive furniture, accessories, and readily available technology.







### FLEXIBLE, MORE RELAXED SPACES

Flexibility has always been key in work environments, but now more than ever spaces need to flex between collaborative or group work and focused or individual work. And these areas have become more relaxed—inspired by home settings—to give employees comfort while collaborating, touching down, or simply working on their own. They allow users to work how they want all in the same space.





#### FINDING PRIVATE MOMENTS

When it's time for focused work, employees will look for a private nook or space to retreat from noise and distractions of the open environments.

Offering more shared and relaxed spaces is desired, but it's also important to offer options for individual working needs. Allow employees to step away from the shared space into a solo space without completely leaving the environment.









#### TAKING A BREAK

When working from home, it was easy to step away to take a break. To get refreshed. To simply re-energize. The new office should have spaces that allow employees a chance to relax and get rejuvenated.

This is necessary to feel and be well, and it ultimately will increase overall satisfaction, productivity, and lead to a stronger culture.







#### SEAMLESS CONNECTIVITY

It seems like technology changes by the minute. And there's no telling what it will look like a year from now, much less next month. However, we do know that keeping employees powered and ready is a must for businesses today and long into the future.

Employees want to connect easily and, moreover, instantly. Messing with wires and crawling under surfaces interrupts workflow, causing unnecessary distractions and loss of efficiency.

Spaces within the new office need to be simple, yet high functioning to foster connectivity and, thus, productivity and collaboration. The goal is to link the user with technology through seamless integration of power and USB ports, discrete wire management, and long-term flexibility.









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## MAKING THE SHIFT

As we shift to a hybrid model and more flexible working spaces, the new office will continue to evolve. Businesses will need to ensure employees are supported through their office environments to encourage ongoing productivity and collaboration. Are your spaces ready for the shift?

Here are a few questions to consider:

- 1. How flexible are your work environments? Are you able to evolve with the changing needs to support a variety of employees and working styles?
- 2. Do you offer spaces that support both collaboration and focused work?
- 3. Are you incorporating wellness into your facilities? Does your office space allow for employees to take a break and get rejuvenated?
- 4. Does your furniture support technology, making it easy for workers to connect and stay connected?

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