

WORK SPACES

open plan  
**ENVIRONMENTS**

For teams that engage in  
**FOCUSED & COLLABORATIVE** work

# making a case for an **OPEN OFFICE**

There is no denying that the open plan office design gained in popularity over recent years due to many forward-thinking organizations wishing to “tear down the walls” between collaboration and communication and promoting the idea of a flattened hierarchy. There has, on the other hand, been some opposition to the trend—those believing an open format can enhance noise and distraction causing productivity issues.

With some healthy benefits, but perhaps some limiting disadvantages, how can you know if an open plan is right for your organization? There are some important things to consider and evaluate, including the type of work your teams do and your company culture. Open floor plans can be a great solution for teams that need to often communicate and exchange ideas. If frequent brainstorming sessions need to happen, eliminating visual boundaries can be a great way to let those ideas flow unhindered.



**PRODUCTS SHOWN**  
Indiana Furniture Canvas and Joy;  
ESI Edge and Vivid-X



**PRODUCTS SHOWN**  
Global Intelli Beam and Solar

# THRIVING

## side by side

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In terms of company culture, an open plan layout sends the message to their employees that “we’re in this together,” especially when senior leaders are within the same open space. Without boundaries, team members have greater access to one another, get to know one another on a greater level, and benefit from a daily synergy in routine.





## PRODUCTS SHOWN

Global Sidebar, Vion, Swap, Sas, and 1900P Filing; ezoBord Aalto; Claridge Venue; Thonet Moss 3







# staying **ACTIVE**

If workplace wellness is a priority for your organization, consider the health benefits of an open plan environment. Studies have shown that workers in open offices are physically more active than those in private offices—by up to 30%!

That increased mobility leads to lower levels of physiological stress and absenteeism, not to mention the emotional benefits of increased camaraderie and interpersonal connections.

## **PRODUCTS SHOWN**

Global Princeton and Aspen





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Global 1200 Personal Lockers, River Huddle Space, Intelli Beam, and Solar





**PRODUCTS SHOWN**

Global FreeFit Height-Adjustable  
Benching with Table Dividers and  
Loover Seating



# a budget **BUILDER**

*Open plans require less construction to set up, with fewer walls needed to divide office spaces. That means they are often less costly to build overall.*

Without a smattering or separate offices, you'll also see an increase in energy efficiency which is becoming more and more important in the modern workplace. Office equipment is easier to share within an open environment generating some additional cost savings.

There are ways to divide and define individual spaces within an open office through the use of desk dividers and privacy screens. This can leverage the advantages of open plan while encouraging distraction-free work.

## ZONE 1

Claridge Pitch, fluidconcepts Edge,  
Magnuson Group CALMA, Nook Huddle



**USE SPACE DIVISION TO  
CREATE WORK ZONES**

ezoBord ezo on ezo



## ZONE 2

fluidconcepts Truss and Eurotech  
ergohuman







## PRODUCTS SHOWN

Special-T AIM EZ, PET Safe Screen, and Task Chair; Thonet Modern Heritage Shelving; Magnuson Group PARBAN



**PRODUCTS SHOWN**  
Global Zira and Sora; ezoBord CURV

# COMMUNITY

## in the workplace

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It's important for employees to feel supported, regardless of your organization's chosen floor plan and workspace design, so be open to flexibility and empower team input into how spaces are set up. Offer multiple workspace choices for various needs. Huddle rooms, telephone booths, and flexible closed spaces are all important considerations with a primarily open office plan. If someone needs to get away for focused work or to make a private call, having the opportunity and the space to do so makes a world of difference.

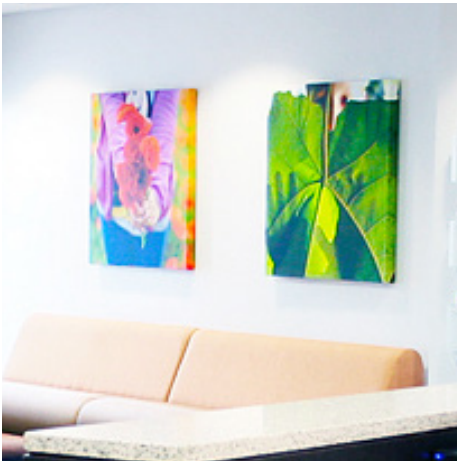
Complete the space with thoughtful design details and environmental improvements like sound-masking and air purification to further enhance productivity and well-being.

**PRODUCTS SHOWN**  
ESI Monitor Arms and  
Vivid-X Lighting



# other bright **IDEAS**

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Full-service art consultation is available, as well as custom and branded art.



Green walls and plants increase human connectivity with the natural world.



Professional-grade air purifiers eliminate the spread of germs and viruses.

***Need help creating your open plan environment? Reach out to our support team with any questions.***

