

PUZZLE

SPECIAL EDITION

Top Trends + New Products

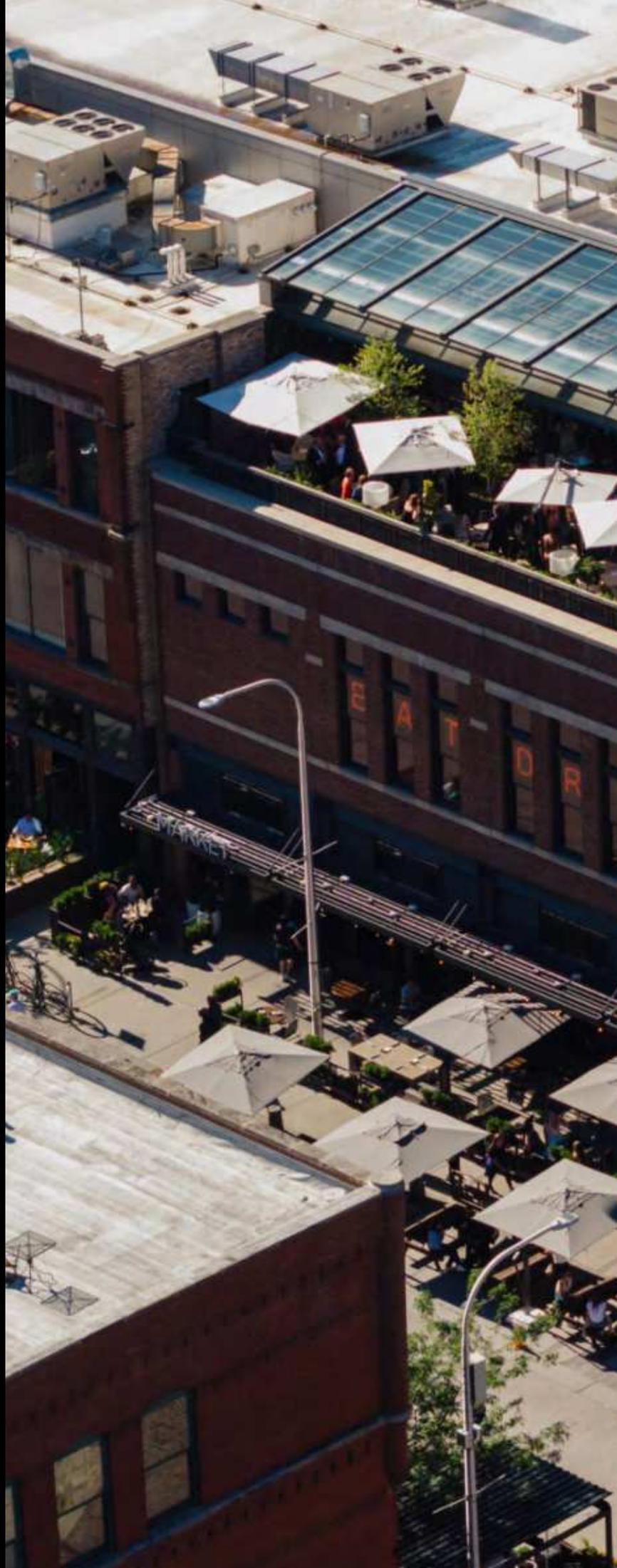
TANGRAM'S ANNUAL

Family Dinner

We come to Chicago for good design. We stay for great people.

For more than a decade, our annual Tangram Family Dinner has been a favorite NeoCon and Design Days tradition. After days spent navigating showrooms, presentations, and packed schedules, we gathered around the table to slow down, share a Mediterranean family-style meal at The Dalcy, and reconnect with longtime partners while welcoming new friends.

It's a reminder that while great design brings us together, the relationships we build are what keep us coming back year after year.




D C
L
B
BEATNIK
ROAD CLOSED



MEMORIES IN MOTION ►01



MEMORIES IN MOTION ►01



MEMORIES IN MOTION ►01



MEMORIES IN MOTION ►01



MEMORIES IN MOTION ►01



MEMORIES IN MOTION ►01



MEMORIES IN MOTION ►01




MEMORIES IN MOTION
►01
MEMORIES IN MOTION


N MOTION
►01
MEMORIES IN MOTION
►01
MEMORIES IN MOTION
►01
MEMORIES IN MOTION


MEMORIES IN MOTION
►01
MEMORIES IN MOTION



SHOWROOM + OFFICE LOCATIONS

Santa Fe Springs, CA
9200 Sorensen Avenue
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

Newport Beach, CA
1375 Dove Street, Suite 300
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Downtown Los Angeles, CA
527 West 7th Street, Suite 1204
Los Angeles, CA 90014

Fresno, CA
7700 North Palm Aveue, Suite 110
Fresno, CA 93711

Dallas, TX
300 S. Pearl Expressway, Suite 200
Dallas, TX 75201

Coppell, TX
301 Southwestern Blvd
Coppell, TX 75019

Lubbock, TX
6510 70th Street
Lubbock, TX

CONTACT US

562.365.5000
tangraminteriors.com

FOLLOW US

@tangraminteriors



Table of Contents

08 Richer By Design
16 Wellness Is Built In
22 Privacy Everywhere
32 Nature, Reimagined
40 Design With A Past
48 Small Tables, Big Impact
60 The Glow Up
68 Conference Seating + Tables
84 Ergonomic Desks + Task Chairs
102 Steelcase Article: A New Mindset
114 Lounge
144 Guest Seating
156 Education
164 Healthcare
178 Technology



Across corporate interiors, product was drenched in monochromatic colors. Details were anything but ordinary: hand-embroidered flowers on sofas, fluting showing up across everything from upholstery to credenzas, sculptural forms, layered textures, and an incredible attention to craftsmanship.

Amber Jones, Executive Vice President, Sales
Texas + California



TREND

Richer By Design

Color and material are working hand in hand to create spaces with greater warmth, depth, and personality. Manufacturers moved beyond neutral palettes in favor of rich jewel tones, earthy hues, and immersive monochromatic environments while pairing them with tactile finishes like ultra-matte surfaces, tambour detailing, terrazzo, dimensional textiles, and natural wood. Rather than relying on a single statement piece, designers layered color, texture, and craftsmanship to create workplaces that feel expressive, inviting, and deeply sensory.



HALCON

FERRA

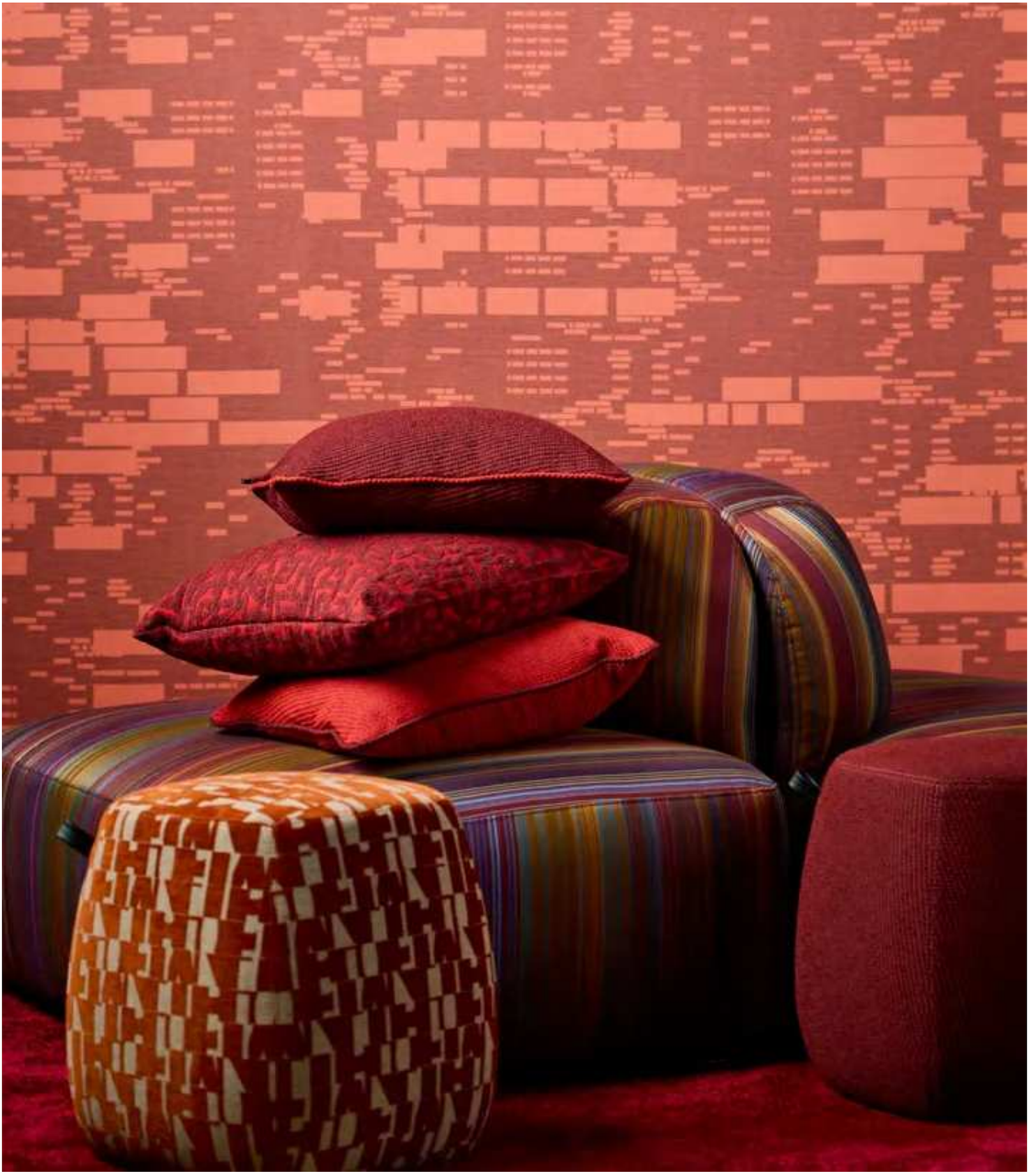


VILLHEM



slalom
acoustic & partition systems

ARLECCHINO



MOMENTUM

MICHAEL FORD COLLECTION


extremis®
PANIGIRI



DESIGNTEX

PUFFER

stylex

SOFTBRICK





Martin
/ Brattrud

MIRAMAR

TREND

Wellness Is Built In

Wellness continues to evolve from a workplace amenity into an essential design strategy. Beyond ergonomic seating, manufacturers introduced products that actively support physical comfort, cognitive performance, neuroinclusion, healthier lighting, cleaner air, and restorative moments throughout the day. Wellness is no longer confined to dedicated rooms—it is integrated into every layer of the built environment.



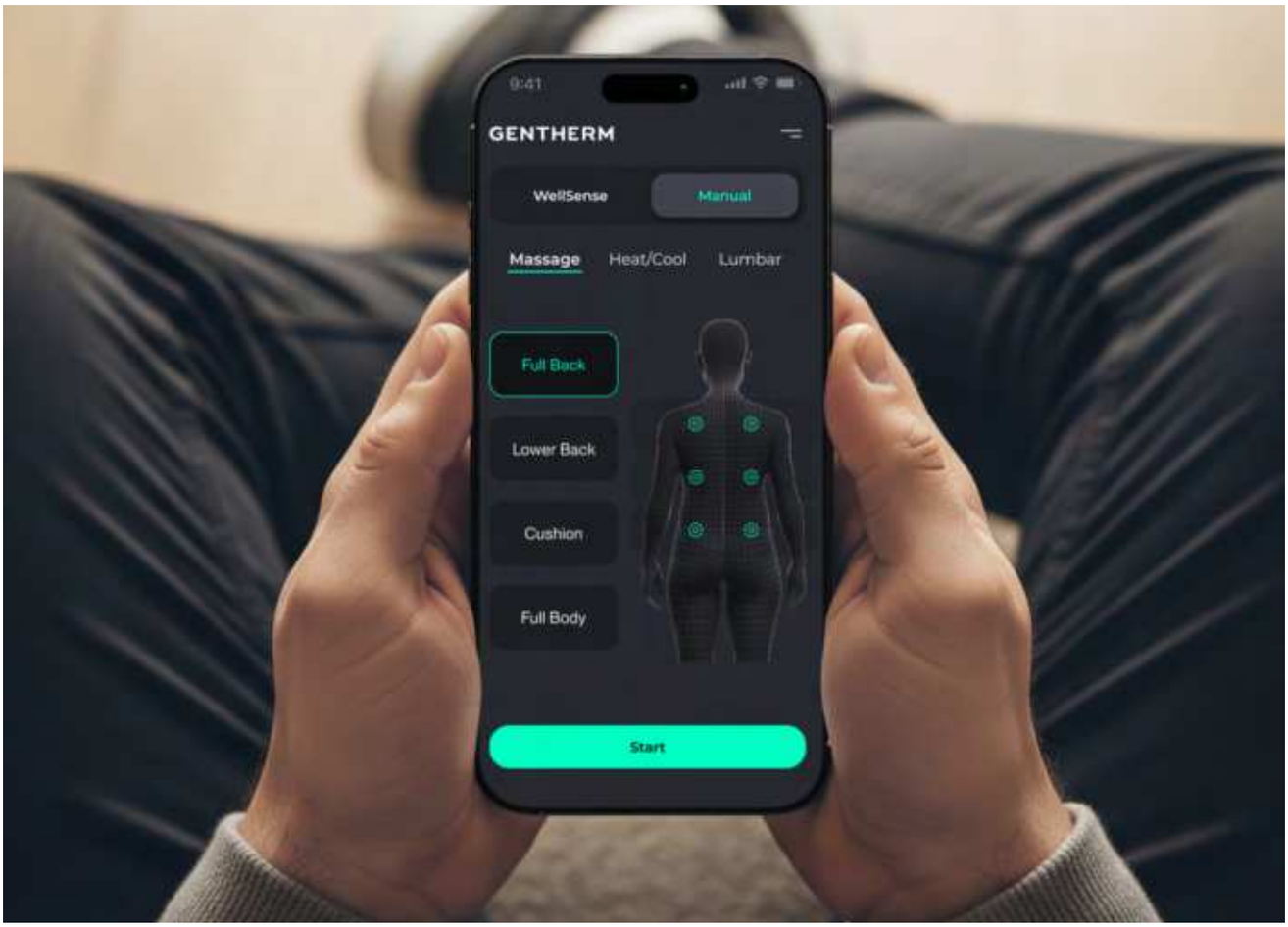
kabin

KABIN 1



The biggest takeaway from this year's shows is that workplace design continues to prioritize flexibility, choice, and a clear understanding that creating a draw to the workplace is what matters. Manufacturers are delivering solutions that balance collaboration with privacy, while emphasizing wellness, sustainability, and long-term adaptability. Product designs reflect more architectural details in wood, steel, and upholstery to create visual interest and richness in the spaces. As organizations rethink how their spaces support their workforce, these innovations are helping employees connect socially, collaborate freely, and optimize productivity across all roles and levels of tenure.

Mark Chaput, Vice President, Sales
California





GENTHERM

WELLSENSE

A smart seating system that uses biometric sensing to help optimize comfort and wellbeing.



R O

O M

ROOM L

An accessible enclosed workspace that provides privacy, comfort, and inclusivity for every user.



thinkspace

RECOVERY

A restorative lounge chair designed to promote relaxation, recovery, and moments of mental reset.

Fellowes

ARRAY

A networked air purification system that continuously improves indoor air quality in shared environments.









bios®

SKYVIEW

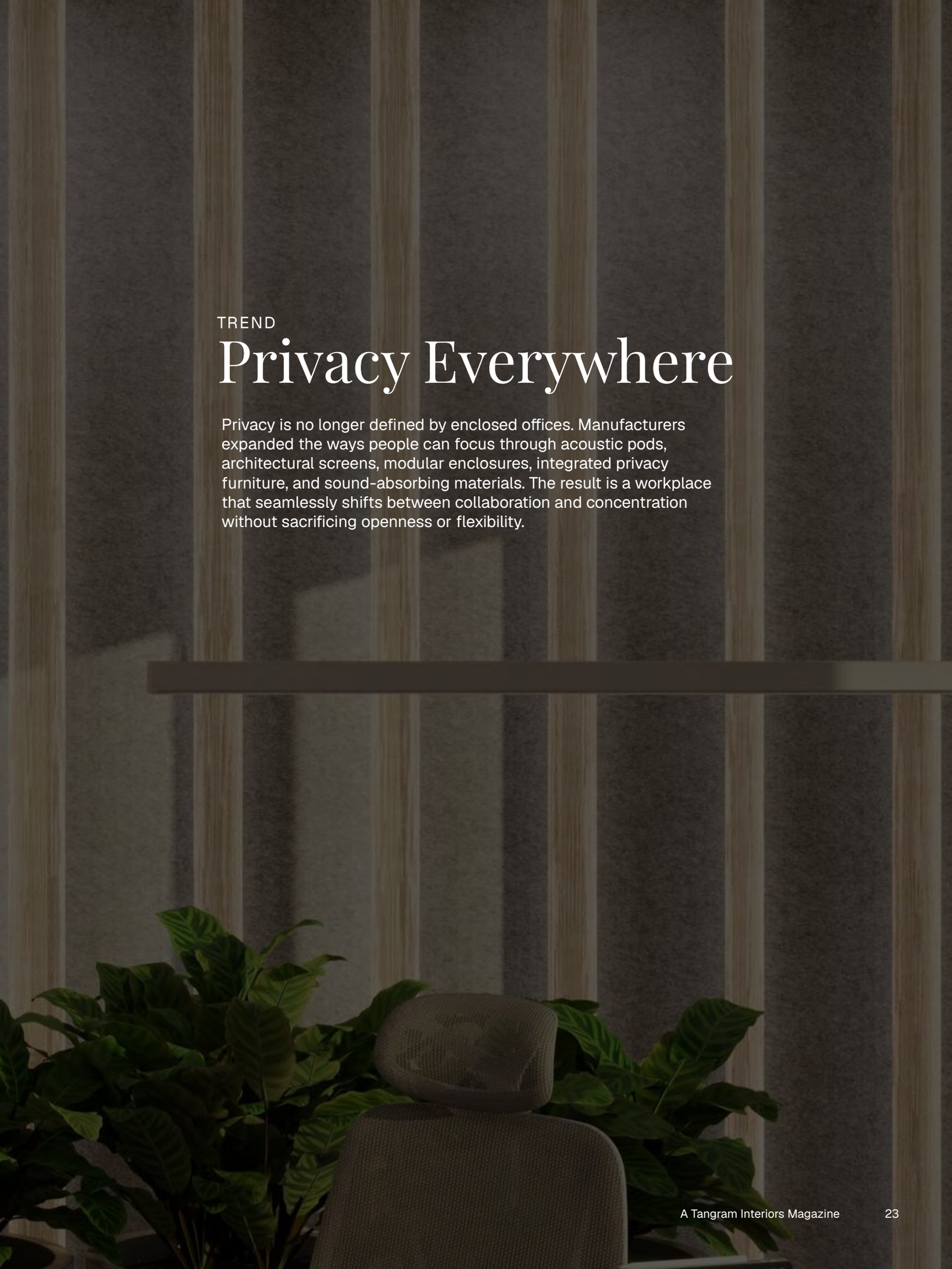
A ceiling lighting system that mimics natural daylight to support circadian rhythms, mood, and cognitive performance.


ARKTURA
SOUNDFORM

TREND

Privacy Everywhere

Privacy is no longer defined by enclosed offices. Manufacturers expanded the ways people can focus through acoustic pods, architectural screens, modular enclosures, integrated privacy furniture, and sound-absorbing materials. The result is a workplace that seamlessly shifts between collaboration and concentration without sacrificing openness or flexibility.





MOMENTUM + Autex Acoustics

MIRAGE WITH SPINFIX



slalom
acoustic & partition systems

SPYKON

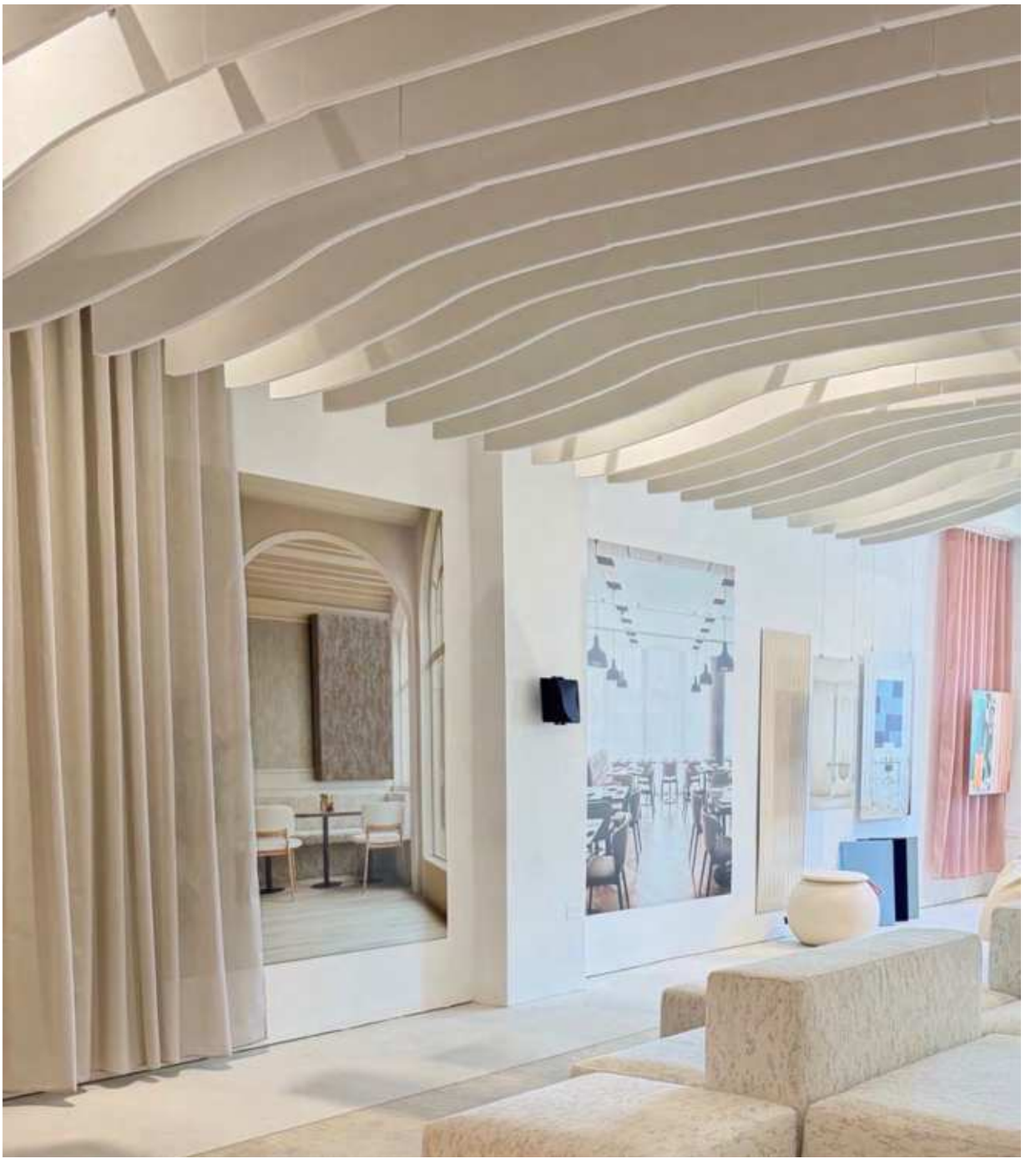




isomi®

HEM


silen
SPACE GEN 2



SNOWSOUND®
Acoustics & Well-Being Technologies

UP



kabin

KABIN 1



MOMENTUM + Autex Acoustics

LANES



framery

GRADUS



bene

PARCS



LOFTWALL

SNAP



FALK BUILT™

FULL-AUTO OPERABLE WALL


OUTSPAN

TREND

Nature, Reimagined

Biophilic design has grown far beyond adding plants to the workplace. This year's interpretation drew inspiration from nature through organic forms, earthy palettes, botanical patterns, natural materials, and thoughtfully designed outdoor environments. The result is a more holistic approach that fosters restoration, connection, and wellbeing while strengthening the relationship between people and place.





extremis®

CABRIO



Andreu World

MOON




ghent
HAVEN



simii

PERCA



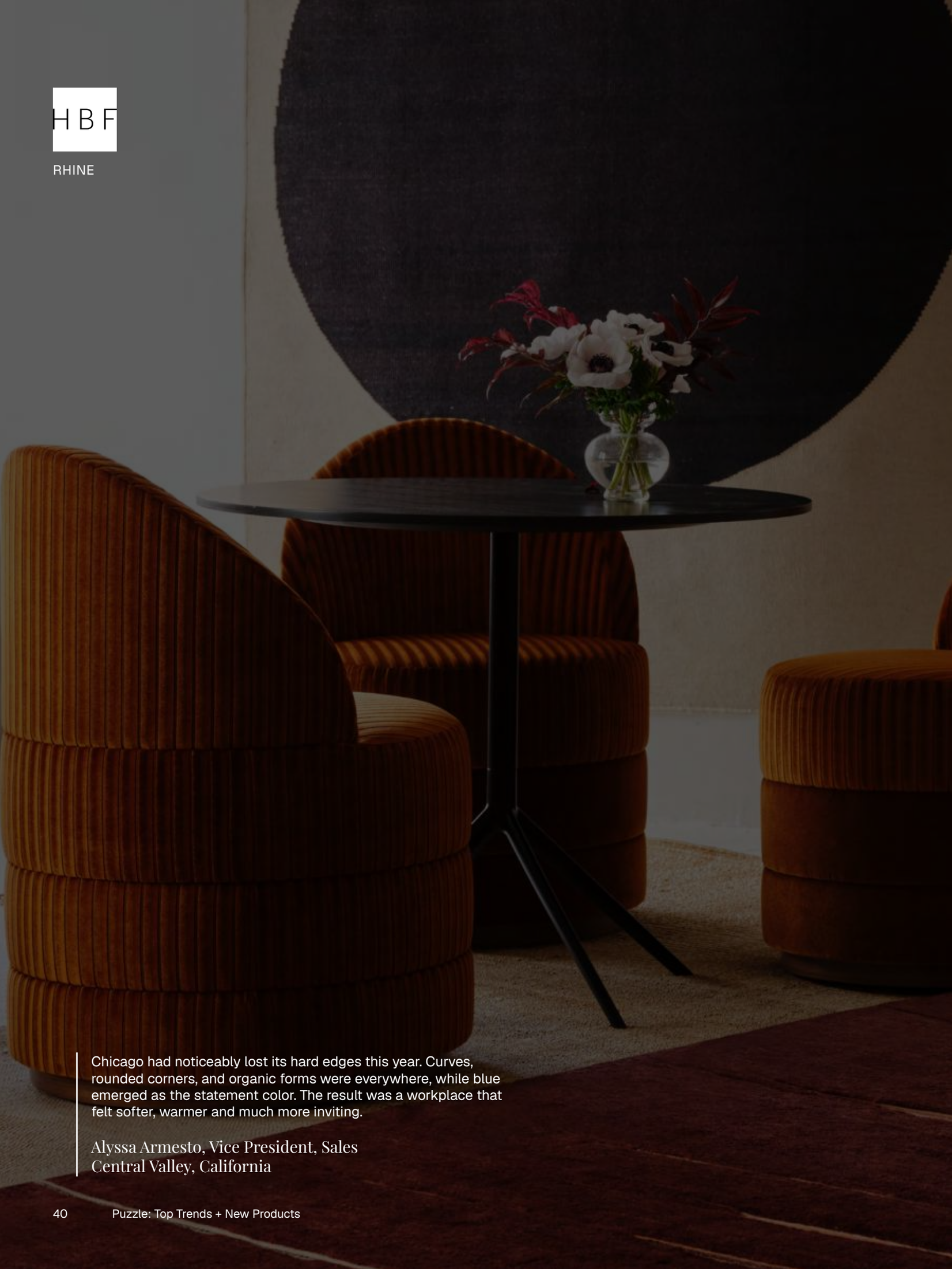
H.H.H.

ASTER



rs barcelona

AL13



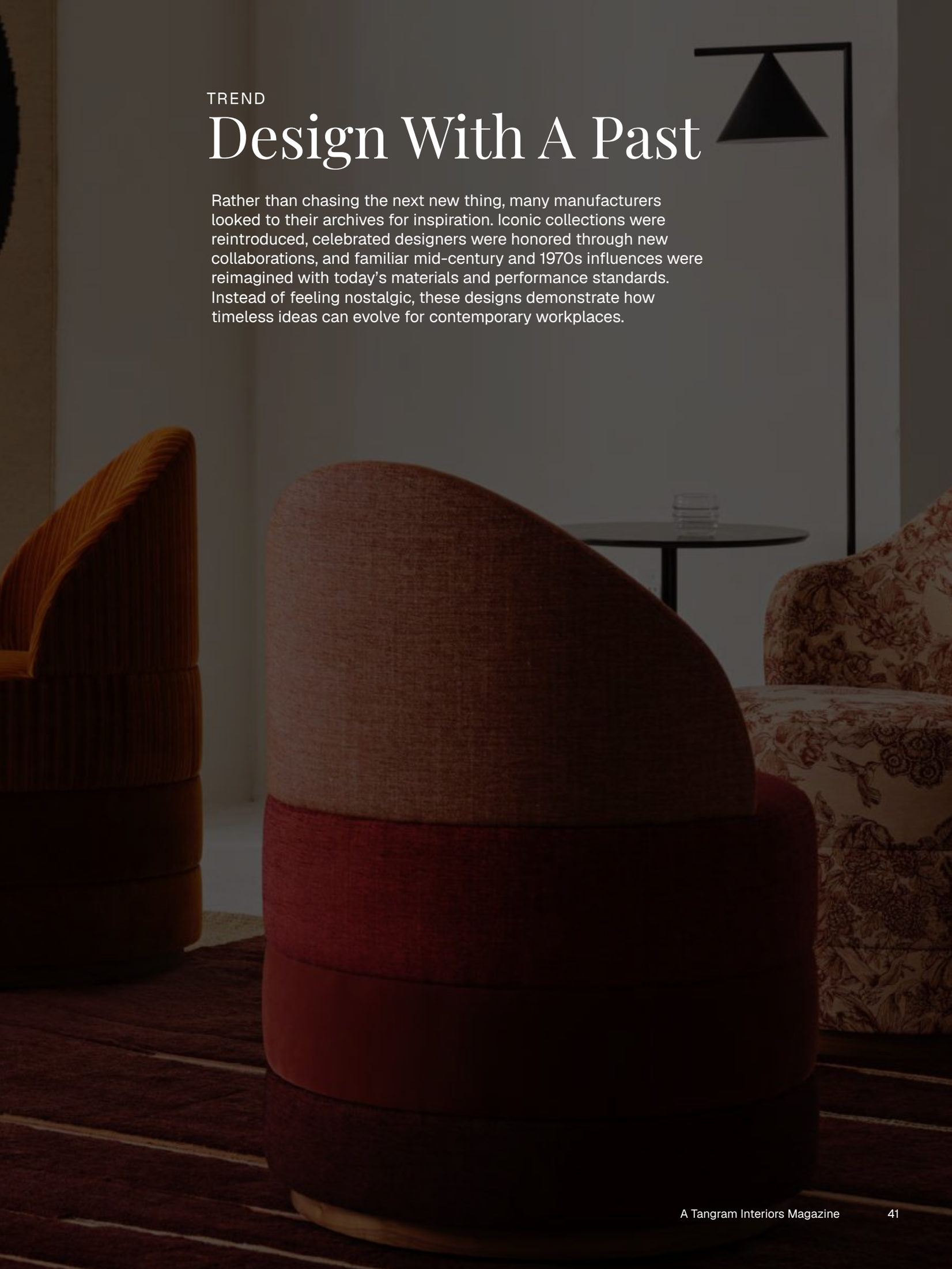
Chicago had noticeably lost its hard edges this year. Curves, rounded corners, and organic forms were everywhere, while blue emerged as the statement color. The result was a workplace that felt softer, warmer and much more inviting.

Alyssa Armesto, Vice President, Sales
Central Valley, California

TREND

Design With A Past

Rather than chasing the next new thing, many manufacturers looked to their archives for inspiration. Iconic collections were reintroduced, celebrated designers were honored through new collaborations, and familiar mid-century and 1970s influences were reimagined with today's materials and performance standards. Instead of feeling nostalgic, these designs demonstrate how timeless ideas can evolve for contemporary workplaces.





SANCAL

MIMOSO

BERNHARDT

CREWS




kettal
EAMES OFFICE



Andreu World

PATIN



IKONstudio

SOM79



DAVIS®

LAKEN



TREND

Small Tables, Big Impact

Occasional tables have evolved into some of the hardest-working pieces in the workplace. This year, manufacturers reimagined side, café, and lounge tables with integrated power, height adjustability, nesting capabilities, mobile functionality, and layered heights that support a wider range of work styles. Whether used for focused work, impromptu collaboration, or social connection, these compact tables are proving that small furniture can make a big impact.


THE MAGIC IMAGE
CECIL BEATON &
GAIL BUCKLAND



TOBEE



Humanscale®

FLOAT MICRO



BERNHARDT

MAP



H.H.H.

LADY EV





NEVERS
TORRE



DARRAN®

KOUSA



OFS

ALLY


DAVIS®
LAKEN
THE MAGIC IMAGE
AMERICAN BLESSINGS



Allermuir
SULA



narbutas

BOTANY


KEILHAUER
ETTA

LIA

TREND

The Glow Up

Lighting stepped beyond its traditional role to become a defining element of the workplace experience. From sculptural pendants and architectural fixtures to integrated task lighting and circadian-inspired solutions, manufacturers embraced lighting as a way to shape mood, support wellbeing, and create memorable environments. Whether subtle accent lighting or statement-making installations, today's lighting is designed to enhance atmosphere just as much as visibility.







LightArt

SOMARI



R
B W

SEQUENCER



JLC • tech

T-BAR



koncept

GUY

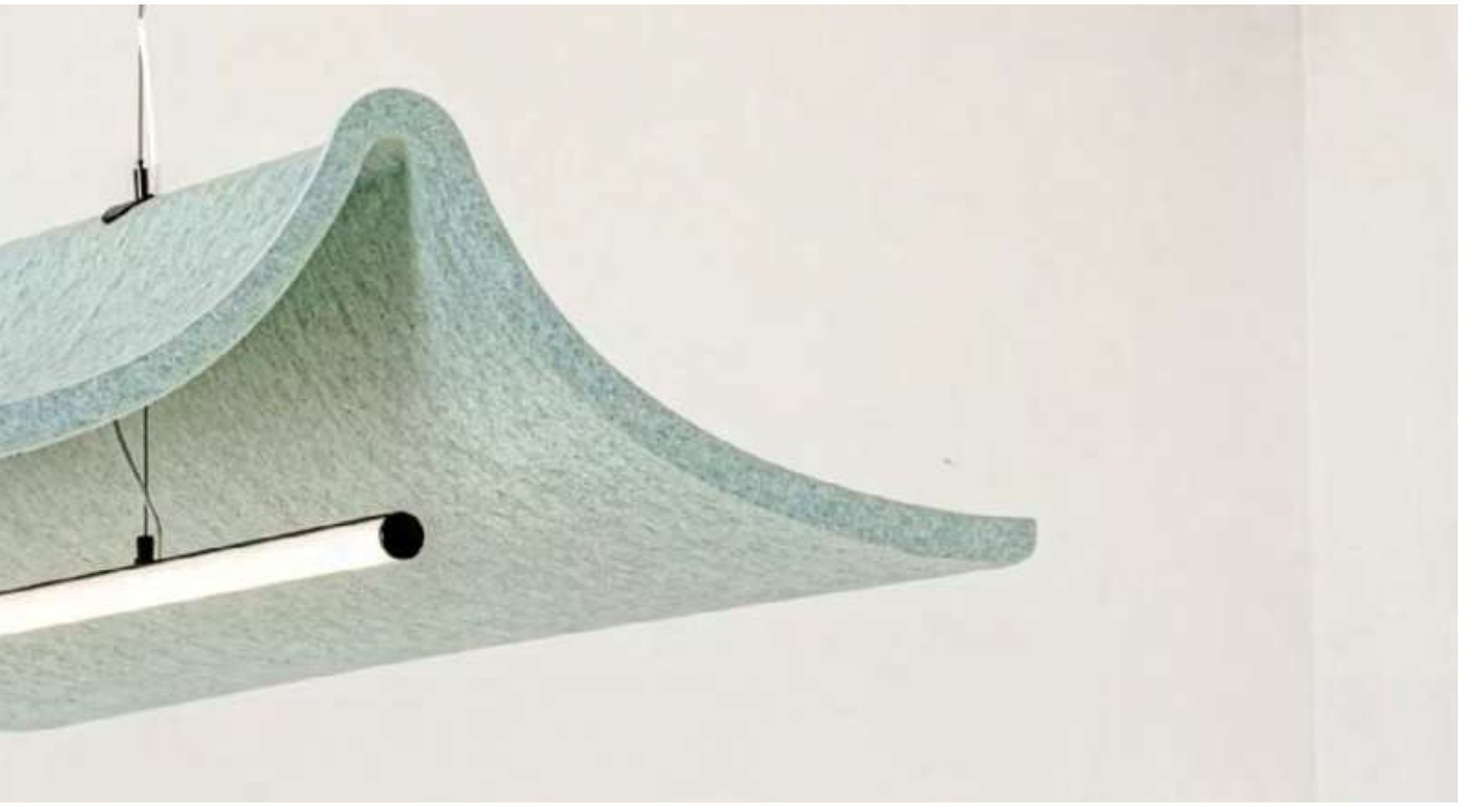




BUZZITENT



TACET





koncept

RAMEN MINI WALL SCONCE

DAVIS®

CERRO





PRODUCT CATEGORY

Conference Seating + Tables



JSI

ANTHOLOGY



ACTIU

ARKITEK



ACTIU

DORIK



DAVIS®

ORUS

NEVERS

VOLTEAR






nienkämper
PLEAT



DAVIS®

CERRO



LACASSE

TOCCO





narbutas

SEESAW



HON

PRESIDE


HALCON
FERRA



BERNHARDT

TRAVA

Andreu World

HULA





ENWORK

ADVENTURE



Mantra
Inspired Furniture

CANOPY



DARRAN®

CHEVAL

Mantra

Inspired Furniture

RALLY



HON
CONCINNITY



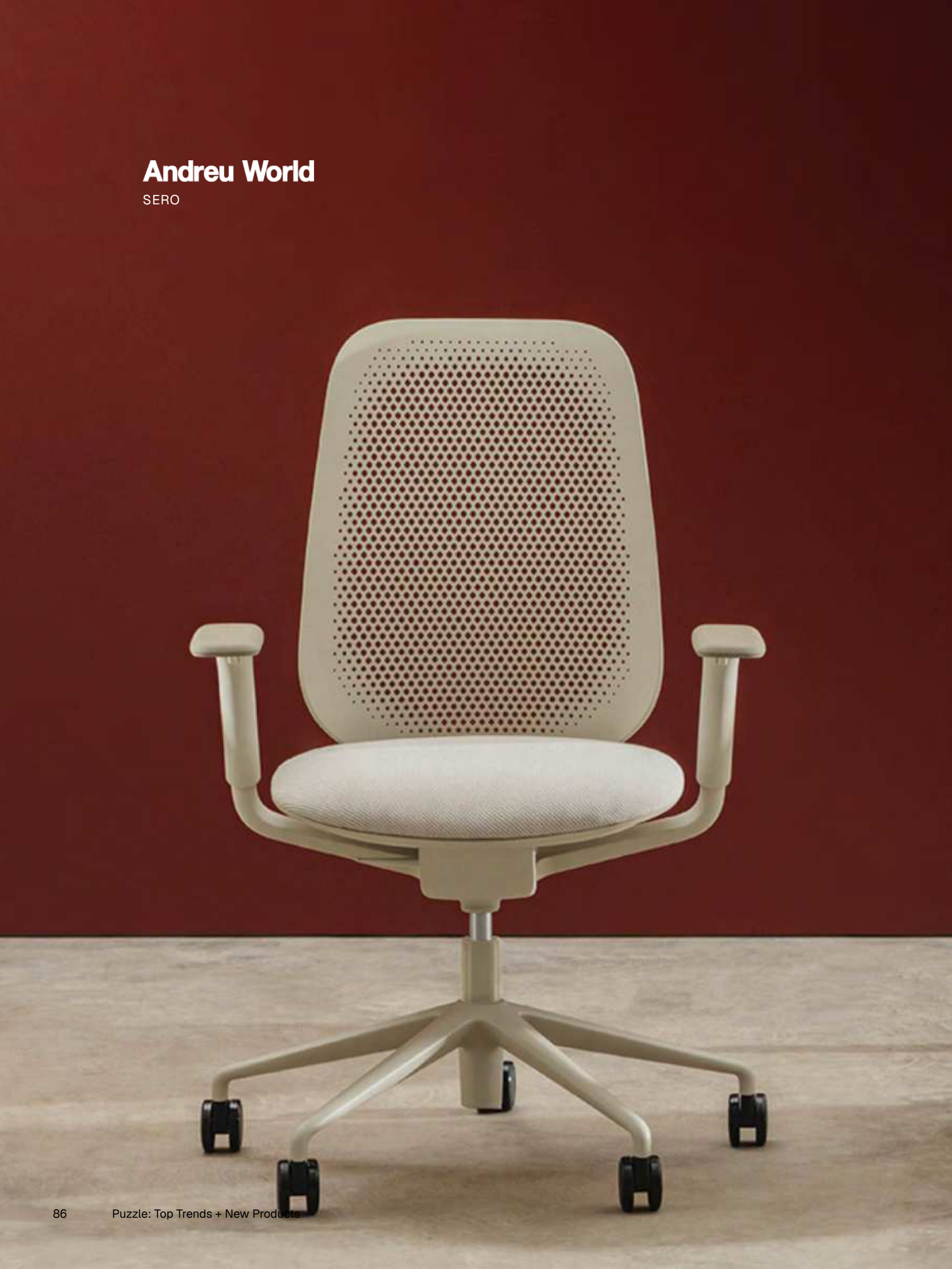
PRODUCT CATEGORY

Ergonomic Desks + Task Chairs



Andreu World

SERO





ACTIU

TALENT


nienkämper
PLEAT




HALCON
VESPER
global
OPEN SPACES
PIANO



HÅG

CAPISCO WITH RECOUTURE



global

INCLUDE



TNK 500 AUREA



ACTIU

MENSSULA



LACASSE

NEX NOVA

LEVITASK®

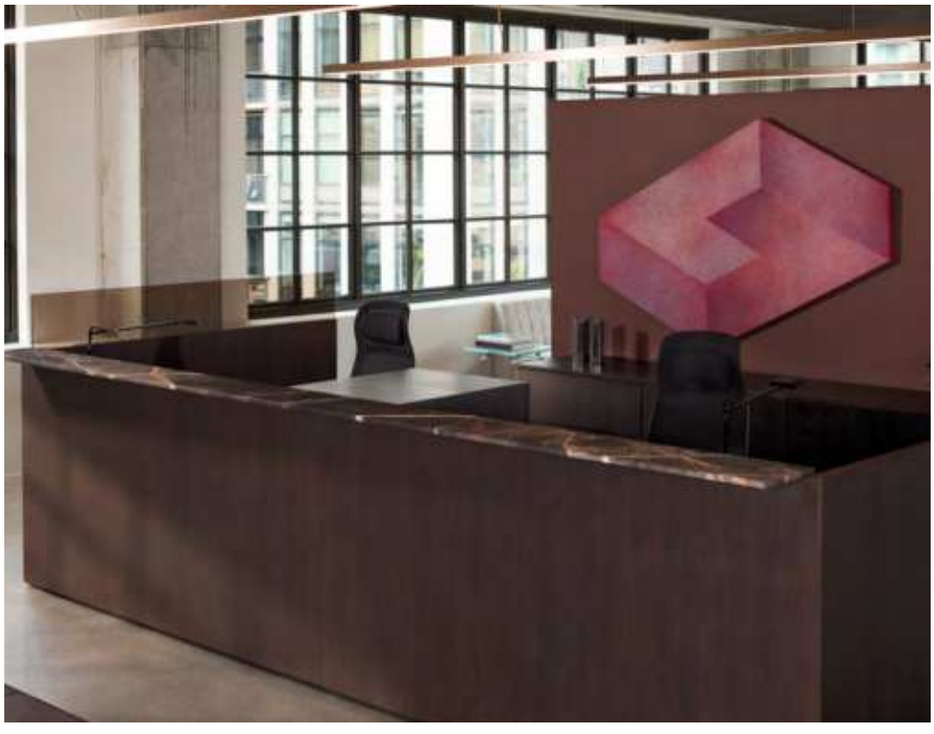
VISION





DAVIS®

K90



Steelcase

AISLA





HAT COLLECTIVE™
HUMAN ACTIVE TECHNOLOGY

CORVA


global
OPEN SPACES



allseating

EQUATION



OFS

KALEID



MODEL N°

ONDA





ENWORK

JET

STEELCASE ARTICLE

A New Mindset

Designing spaces to create a cognitive advantage

Every morning, we bring our distinct human potential to work. It is the engine of our creativity, our resilience and our ability to connect with others. But too often, we treat the mind like software. We expect it to be limitless and always ready to run. The reality is the human mind is a biological organ. It tires and reacts to its surroundings, to noise and visual chaos, just as our lungs react to air quality.

We're attempting to do 21st-century work — AI-enabled, fast, synthetic — with a brain built for survival. But AI can't replace the human mind's capacity to solve problems and create new ideas. We need a new mindset, focused on helping people think better in the age of AI.







We are now operating in the “brain economy,” which, according to a recent report released at The World Economic Forum with the McKinsey Health Institute, “represents a new frontier where human intelligence and artificial intelligence work in partnership, allowing for greater productivity and resilience.” The report advocates for building “brain capital,” which combines brain health — the functional ability of the brain to perform the many tasks it’s responsible for — and brain skills, such as the ability to think clearly, learn, manage attention, make decisions and solve problems. Basically, everything we do at work.

As neuroscientist Harris Eyre, lead of the Brain Capital Alliance, notes, this era demands a transition “from the current state of our economy, which is depleting brain capital, to a place where we are building brain capital.” There are many routes organizations can take to build brain capital, and one that is often overlooked is the built environment. The growing field of neuroarchitecture seeks to build brain health by researching the best ways to design physical spaces that help people mentally, emotionally and physically.

This raises the stakes for our workplaces. The office is no longer just a place to work – it must evolve into a cognitive support system.



Cognitive Crisis

In the modern workplace, our experience can feel like animals in the wild. We are stuck in a state of hyper-vigilance, constantly scanning for information and threats (or Slack notifications). This reactive state makes deep, resonant thinking nearly impossible. Our brains can't process all the information they're flooded with each day, and screen-based technology increases the volume.

Our average attention span has declined from 2.5 minutes in 2004 to 47 seconds, according to research by Dr. Gloria Mark at UC Irvine. Smartphones accelerated the decline.

Our attention has become a precious resource and a form of biological fuel. Researchers distinguish between two types of focus, a concept explored in the Steelcase report Think Better: Neuroscience as a Competitive Advantage. "Controlled attention" is high-octane, expensive fuel used for deep work and strategy. It is finite and drains quickly. "Stimulus-driven attention" is cheap, reactive fuel used when a loud noise or a moving object grabs our focus. Poorly designed open offices force us into a permanent state of stimulus-driven attention. We burn precious energy filtering out distractions, leaving little fuel for actual work.

Additionally, the biological need for cognitive offloading is often overlooked. The brain cannot hold everything at once; we need physical environments to "hold" our thoughts for us. When you sketch on a whiteboard or pin to a wall, you





offload working memory to the room, freeing your brain to process information rather than store it. A laptop screen cannot replicate this spatial canvas. It restricts our field of view, forcing us to scroll through isolated pieces of information rather than seeing them together. To untangle complex problems, the brain needs to see the whole picture at once to connect the dots effectively.

From Badge Swipes To Brain Power

For decades, we have operated in the Attendance Era. Presence measured success. If your badge swiped in at 8:00 a.m. and out at 5:00 p.m., you were considered productive. In our new reality, AI automates routine tasks, and the premium asset is cognitive capacity — the uniquely human ability to navigate ambiguity and exercise critical judgment. We have entered the Attention Era, where brain health is no longer “just” a personal wellness goal but also a strategic business asset.

“In the Attendance Era, the office was a container for people. In the Attention Era, it must support concentration, collaboration and creativity. To solve complex problems today, we need environments that relieve the cognitive burden rather than add to it,” says WorkSpace Futures researcher Patricia Kammer.

Many leaders are still optimizing for attendance mandates (“Are you here?”) rather than enabling performance (“Can you think?”).

Ergonomics For The Brain

In today’s brain economy, we need a new mindset about the role of design in our workplaces. We need to shift from thinking about reducing distractions to designing spaces that help people do their best thinking – solving complex problems, being creative and more resilient in the face of change.

For years, scientists believed the adult brain stopped growing. We now know that neurogenesis, or the growth of new neurons, and neuroplasticity, the brain’s ability to rewire or strengthen new connections (synapses), are possible throughout our lives. Designing sensory-rich environments, including our offices, can boost this process. “Research suggests that environmental enrichment (social, sensory, physical and cognitive stimuli) can create

new synapses in the brain, changing the brain physiologically," says Dr. Upali Nanda, global sector director of innovation at HKS and member of the Brain Capital Alliance. "Think of enriched environments as a direct and powerful pathway to brain health."

We readily accept that we need ergonomic chairs to support our spines. Today, designers can apply similar rigor to "cognitive ergonomics," moving from simply supporting the body's posture to understanding how the brain's performance relates to its surroundings.

This isn't about a single perfect room type. It's about a variety of spaces specifically designed to support the types of work people do while supporting what the brain needs to function at its best.

Community-Based Design, the approach Steelcase uses for its own workplaces, offers a diverse range of "districts," or zones, composed of spaces that give people greater choice and autonomy over how they work. This approach creates an infrastructure for building social connections that improves cognitive health and decreases cognitive decline. It provides places for people to better manage their attention and emotions. Ultimately, it helps people thrive and organizations to be more agile.

"Flexible workspaces are a prime example of how design can support brain health," notes Dr. Debbie Beck, principal, at Perkins & Will and a key contributor to The Building Brains Coalition's latest report. "These adaptable environments allow individuals to tailor their surroundings to fit their working styles and preferences, which can enhance focus and cognitive performance. By accommodating new technologies and work methodologies, flexible workspaces help keep the brain engaged and agile, promoting mental resilience and productivity," she notes.





Spaces For Connection

There's no need to demonize the open floorplan, though. Open areas, such as cafe spaces, serve as a "city center" — a relaxed, alternative to individual desks and a place to make connections. It's a place for shared energy and informal knowledge transfer. "Loneliness triggers a 'threat state' in the brain," explains Patricia Kammer. "We cannot innovate if we feel socially isolated." The office provides a "collective identity" that virtual meeting platforms cannot fully replicate. This is partly because face-to-face interaction releases neurochemicals essential to building trust and psychological safety, which are the foundations of risk-taking and innovation.

Spaces For Rejuvenation

The brain cannot sprint for eight hours. It needs "palate cleansers" to replenish resources. The answer lies in our biology. Psychological studies show that "positive affect" (feelings of joy and comfort) increases dopamine levels, which in turn improves creative problem-solving.

NBBJ Fellow and molecular biologist Dr. John Medina reminds us that nature is a powerful trigger for positive affect. Specific cues tap into our biology: color palettes of blues, greens and oranges can aid focus, while rounded edges make us feel safer than sharp corners. Natural materials such as wood and wool are "organic" elements that help lower stress and reset cognitive capacity.



Spaces For Movement

Bodily experiences and our physical surroundings influence cognition — including memory, emotion, and decision-making. Movement engages areas of the brain that help offload working memory, freeing up energy for other areas to develop novel solutions to problems.

Spaces that promote movement and physically engaging in collaboration — standing, perching and reorienting — help circulate dopamine, which improves attention, creativity and problem-solving. Spaces equipped with whiteboards and vertical pin-up areas foster physical participation in group work sessions and also enable “cognitive offloading.” By making information persistent and visible, we free up working memory for processing rather than storage. The room itself becomes the external hard drive.

Spaces For Focus

Deep work requires protection. “Inhibition control” is the biological energy required to stop impulsive actions and ignore distractions. When we are exposed to constant noise and visual stimulation, our brains subconsciously monitor the room. For open plans to work, they must be balanced with high-privacy spaces, such as pods or shielded workstations, that reduce distractions. Gaining focus doesn’t always require fully enclosed spaces.







The Leadership Pivot: From Efficiency To Capacity

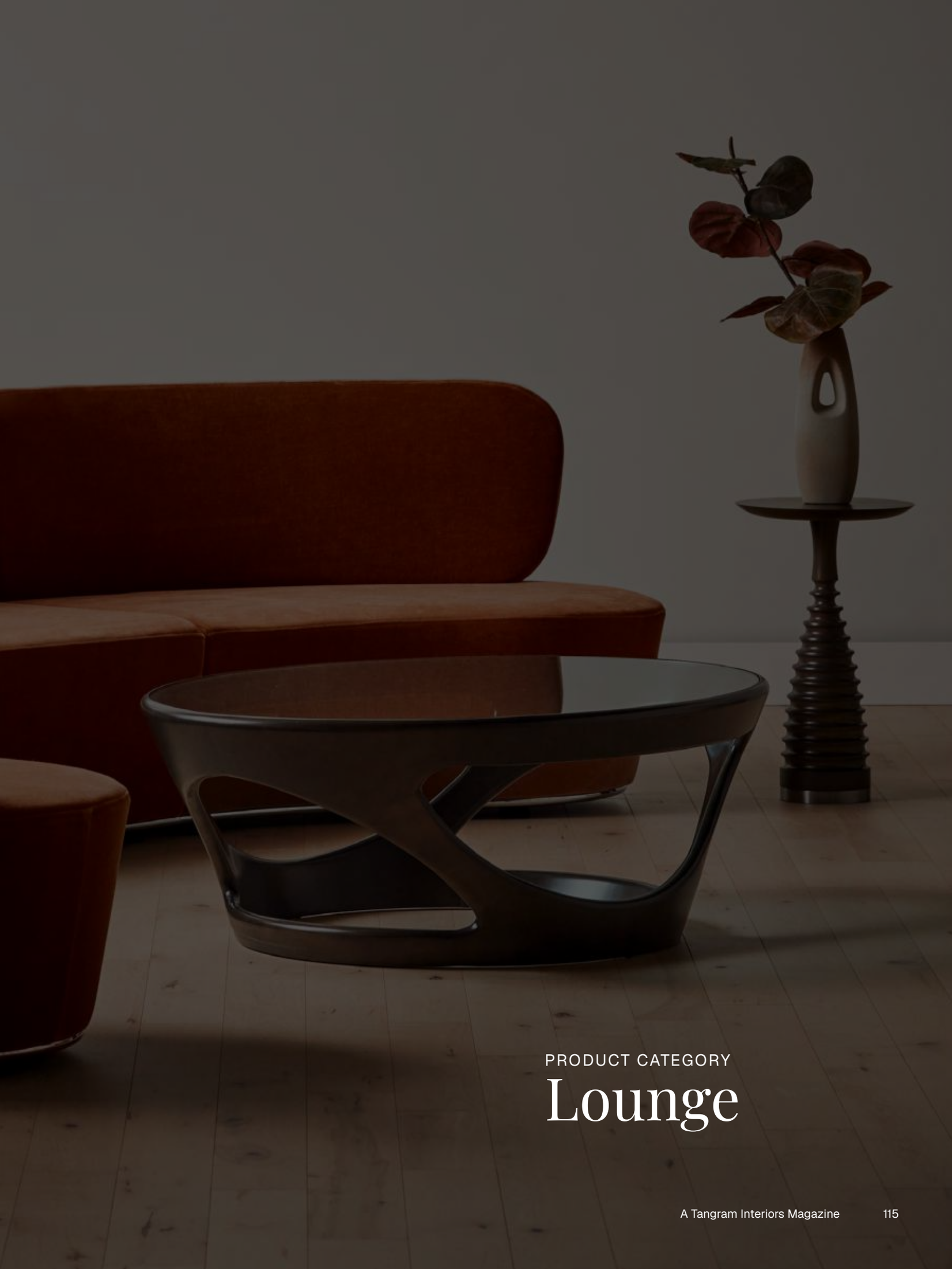
Design is not the sole answer to brain health. But it is “an underleveraged intervention that can directly impact cognitive performance,” says Dr. Nanda. For leaders, this requires a shift in metrics.

We have spent decades measuring “operational efficiency” (how cheaply we can house employees). Now, the brain economy asks us to measure our “innovation capacity” (how effectively we can support their minds). We can’t slow the velocity of information. But we can design workplaces that protect attention, reduce cognitive load and empower us to perform at our highest potential. In the brain economy, the ultimate competitive advantage isn’t your real estate footprint. It is your people’s collective ability to think deeply and solve complex problems. “The brain health of your employees is the engine for your company’s productivity,” notes Eyre.

Kimball International

ENTOURAGE





PRODUCT CATEGORY

Lounge



west elm

WAVERLY




Allermuir
PEDRO



arper

AOM


HBF
COSME





DAVIS®

FABA



prostoria

VR61





BERNHARDT

PRIVACY PLEASE, ARTCENTER



boss design

LUCY



Andreu World

PASCAL



boss design

NYA



Martin
/ Brattrud

HERMOSA

SANCAL

TWINS



Allermuir

CLO





ACTIU

MEETIA




DAVIS®
JP LOUNGE



BLUSH



Martin
/ Brattrud

REDONDO



DARRAN®

LIMOUSINE


viccarbe
MISSIVA



OBEE



DARRAN®

ROAM


JSI
MARU



viccarbe

MANTO



LACASSE

STUDIO





TUUCI

POUFFE



SANCAL

PALMA


KEILHAUER
ETTA



DAVIS®
SOLENNE



narbutas

BOTANY

NUCRAFT

GROVE



KEILHAUER

ETTA



PRODUCT CATEGORY

Guest Seating





Martin
/ Brattrud

ANACAPA


Allermuir
ALDO



DARRAN®

UPLIFT



sossego MODERN BRAZILIAN DESIGN

LILY





DAVIS®

TIAGO


Allermuir
TOLA
ATELIER SEPTEMBER



sossego MODERN BRAZILIAN DESIGN

ANGELA



allseating

GEMELLI



via SEATING

BREYA

DAVIS®

VIVANO





DIVISION TWELVE

POHM


Allermuir
KAYA



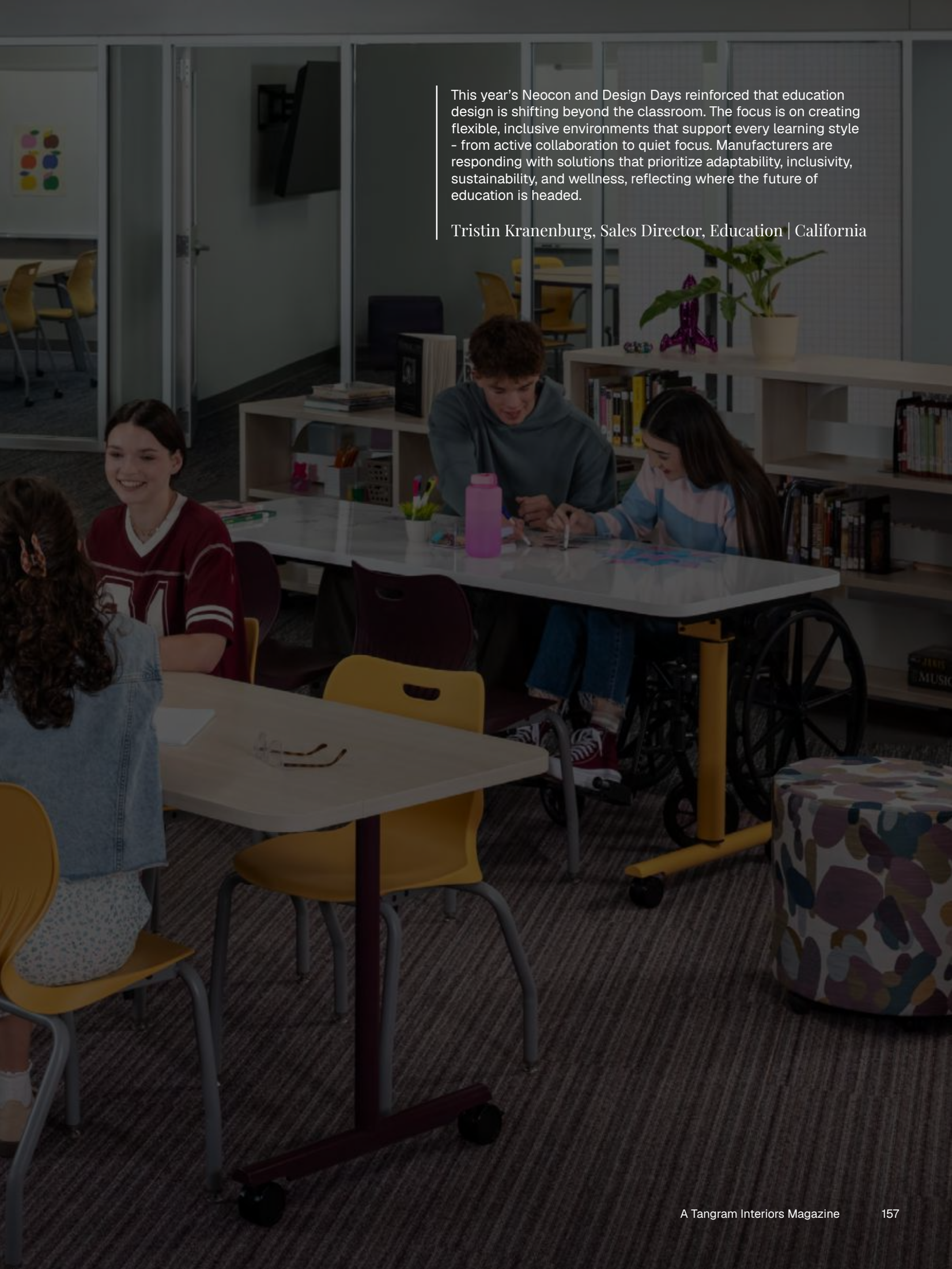
HON
ETCH

PRODUCT CATEGORY

Education

Each year manufacturers are increasing their focus around education solutions. This increased attention provides an exciting opportunity to collaborate with our clients and develop amazing spaces for their learning environments.

Mark Peters, VP Healthcare & Education | Texas



This year's Neocon and Design Days reinforced that education design is shifting beyond the classroom. The focus is on creating flexible, inclusive environments that support every learning style - from active collaboration to quiet focus. Manufacturers are responding with solutions that prioritize adaptability, inclusivity, sustainability, and wellness, reflecting where the future of education is headed.

Tristin Kranenburg, Sales Director, Education | California



Claridge

MIDAIR



ghent

FLYTE


HON
BRIM





NATIONAL.

ZING



SOURCE

CHROMIA

HON

ETCH



PRODUCT CATEGORY

Healthcare



The portfolio of healthcare products has expanded considerably and many of the lines have moved away from the traditional institutional feel into a much more inviting and contemporary aesthetic. This shift and the performance of these offerings have opened the possibilities to utilize these products beyond healthcare environments.

Mark Peters, Vice President Healthcare + Education Sales | Texas



The 2026 healthcare collections signal a move toward softer, hospitality-driven products with modular adaptability, resilient materials with calming palettes, and elevated finishes.

Holly Rau, Vice President Sales
Healthcare Practice Leader | California


Steelcase
APPRISE





carolina
an OFS company

MILE MARKER.G2



Integra®

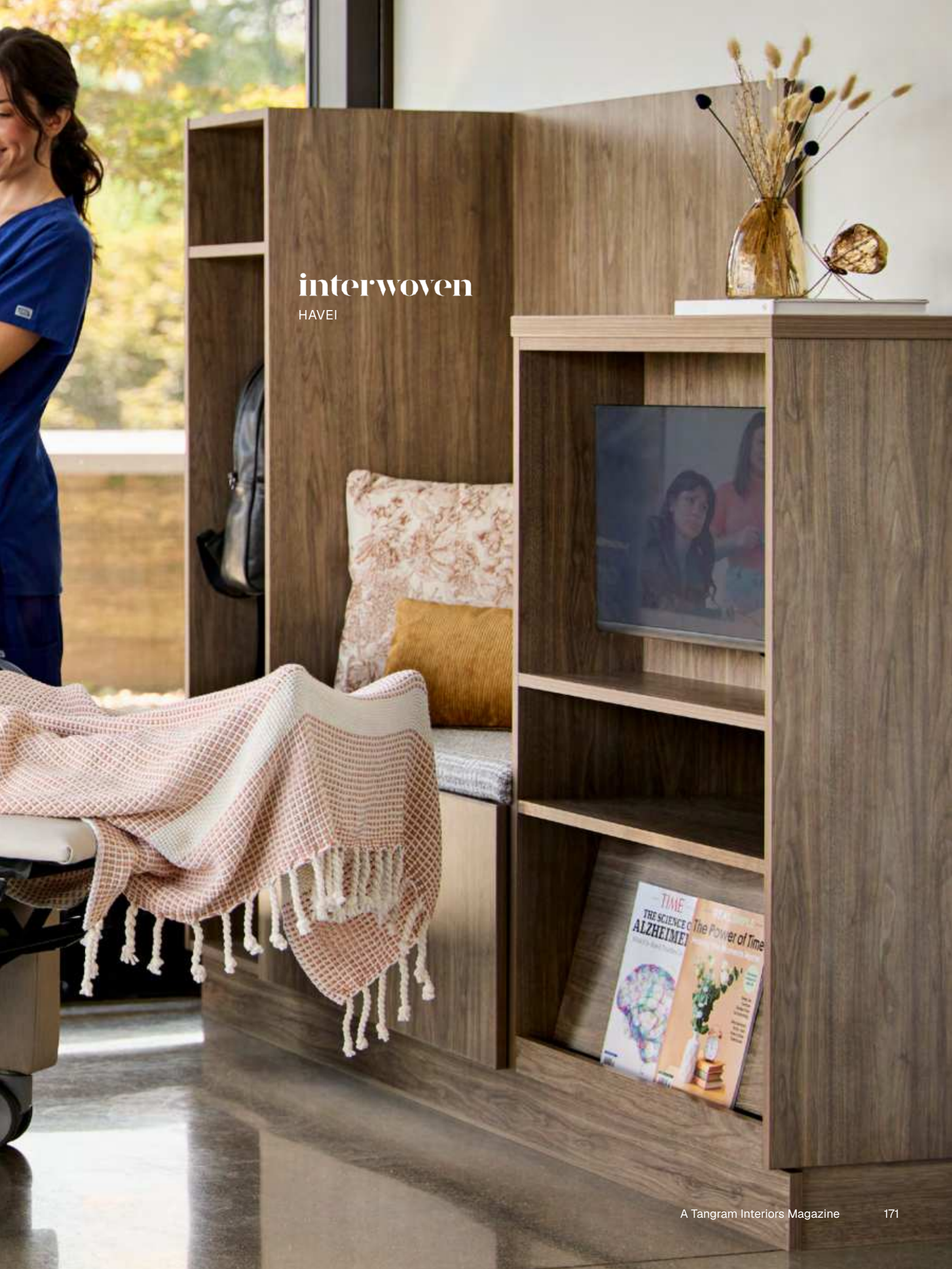
ODYSSEY



SitOnIt • Seating®

KINDL




interwoven
HAVEI
TIME
The Power of Time



MOMENTUM

WELLNESS SUITE



interwoven

ALTERNA

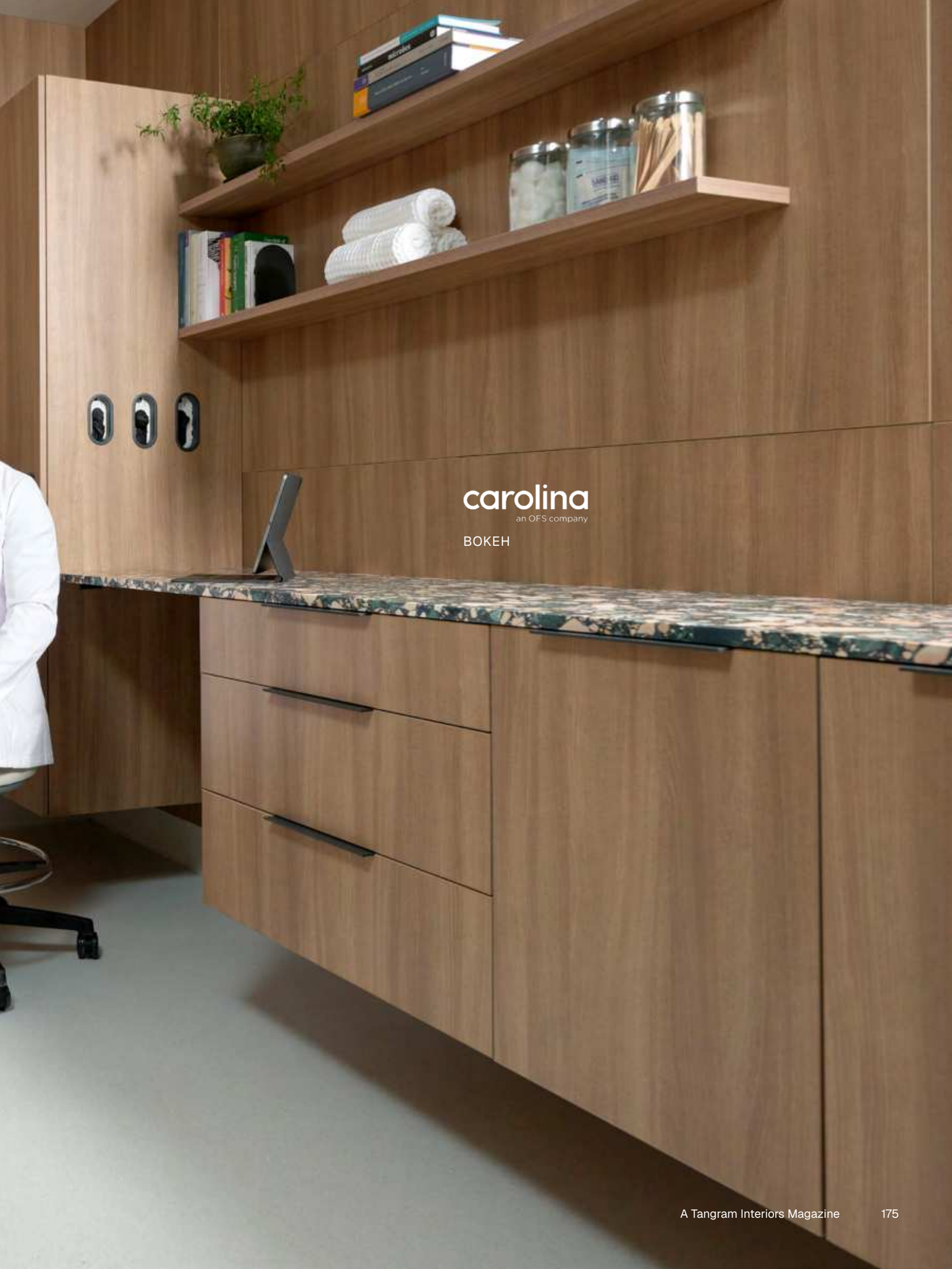


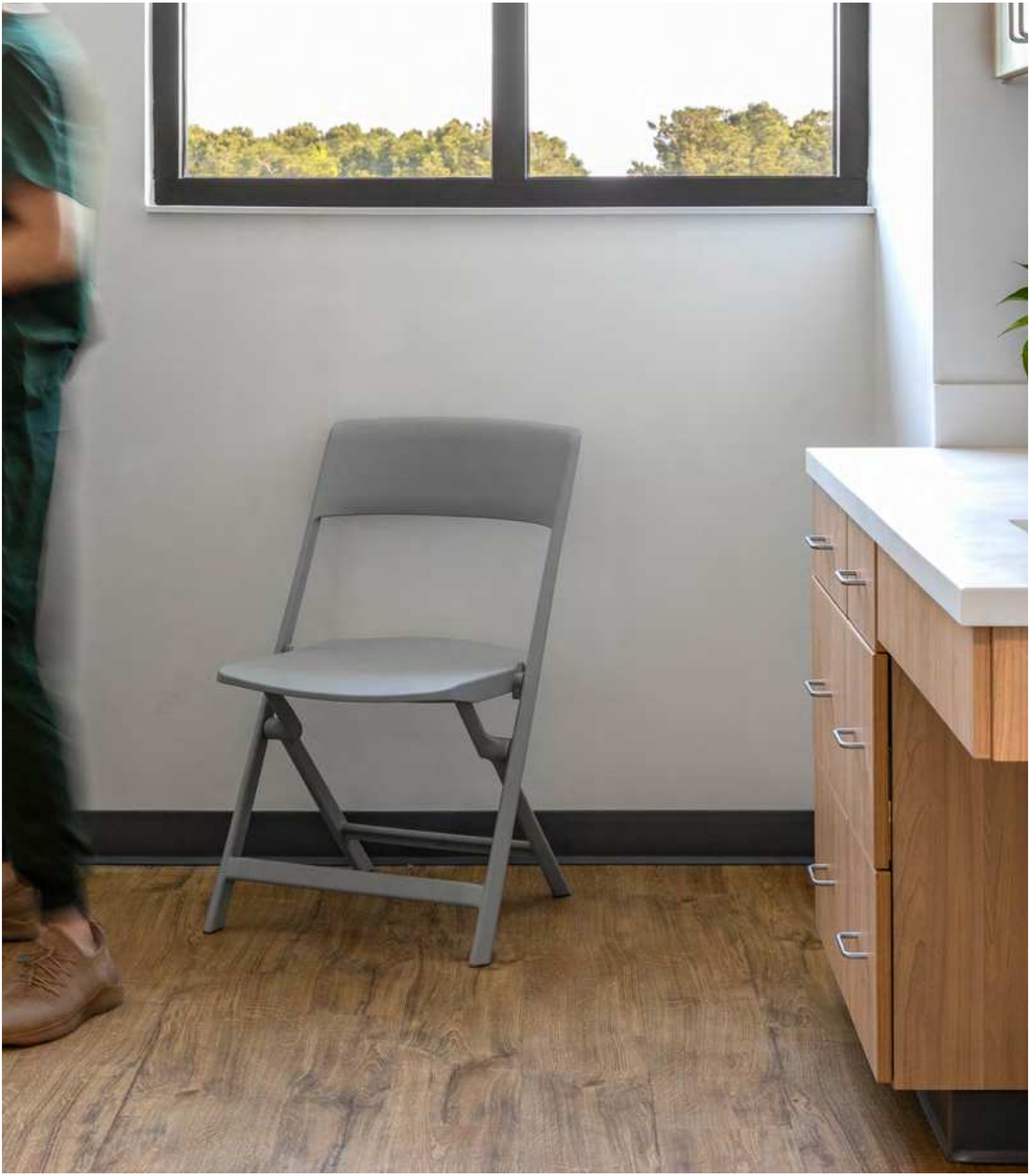


kwalu

CORI




carolina
an OFS company
BOKEH



carolina
an OFS company

IN THE FOLD



BLOOMSCAPE



Steelcase
OCULAR FRAME

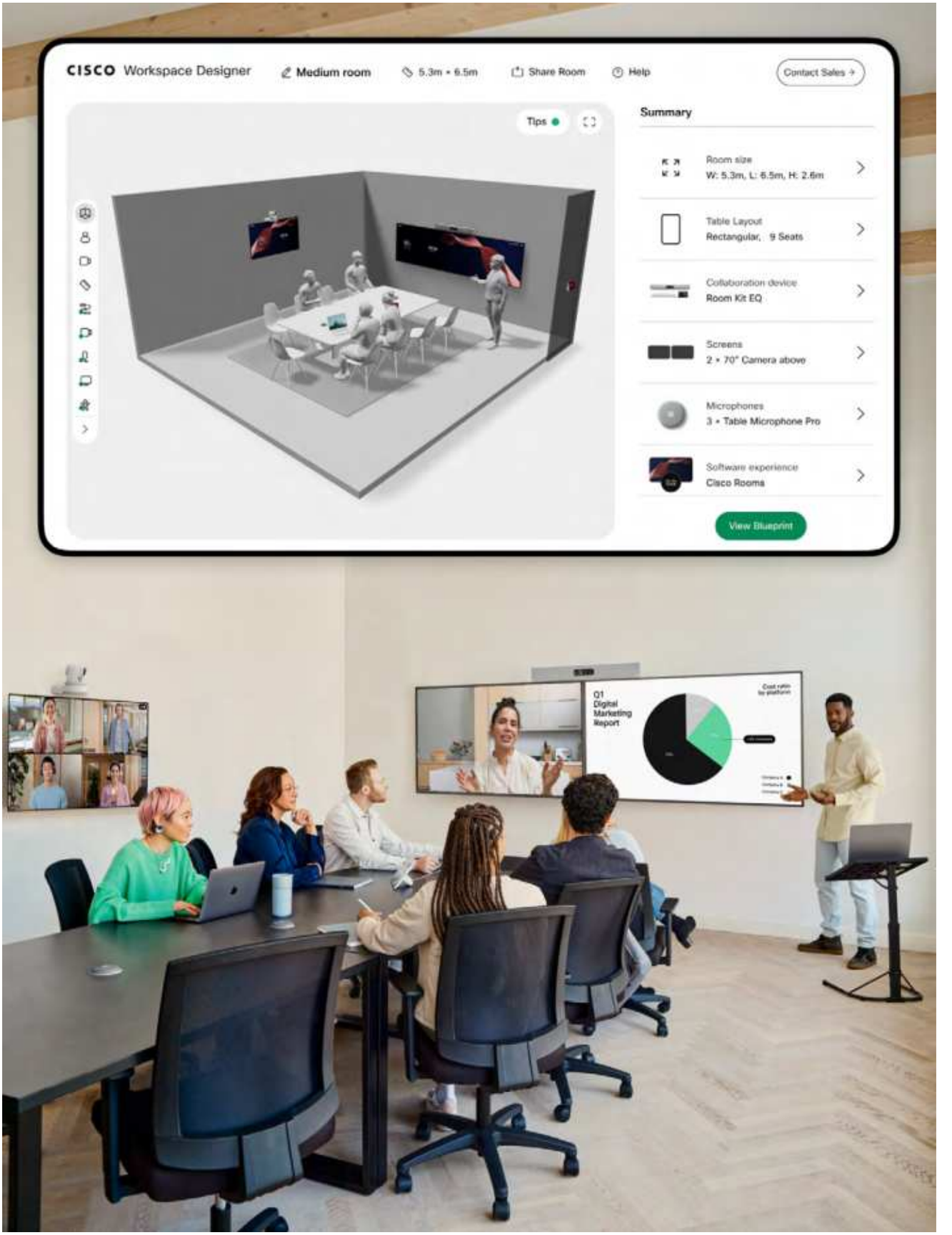
PRODUCT CATEGORY

Technology

After visiting NeoCon and Design Days, the future of technology feels less like a distant concept and more like something already shaping the spaces around us. AI, automation, and AV technologies are converging to create smarter, more connected environments. The future isn't about adding more technology—it's about designing intuitive, human-centered experiences where AV, AI, and smart infrastructure work together to make every interaction more engaging, productive, and meaningful.

Breana Parker, Business Development Manager, Technology | Texas





CISCO

WORKPLACE DESIGNER

A planning tool that helps organizations visualize, design, and optimize technology-enabled workplaces.



Integra

ELEVATE

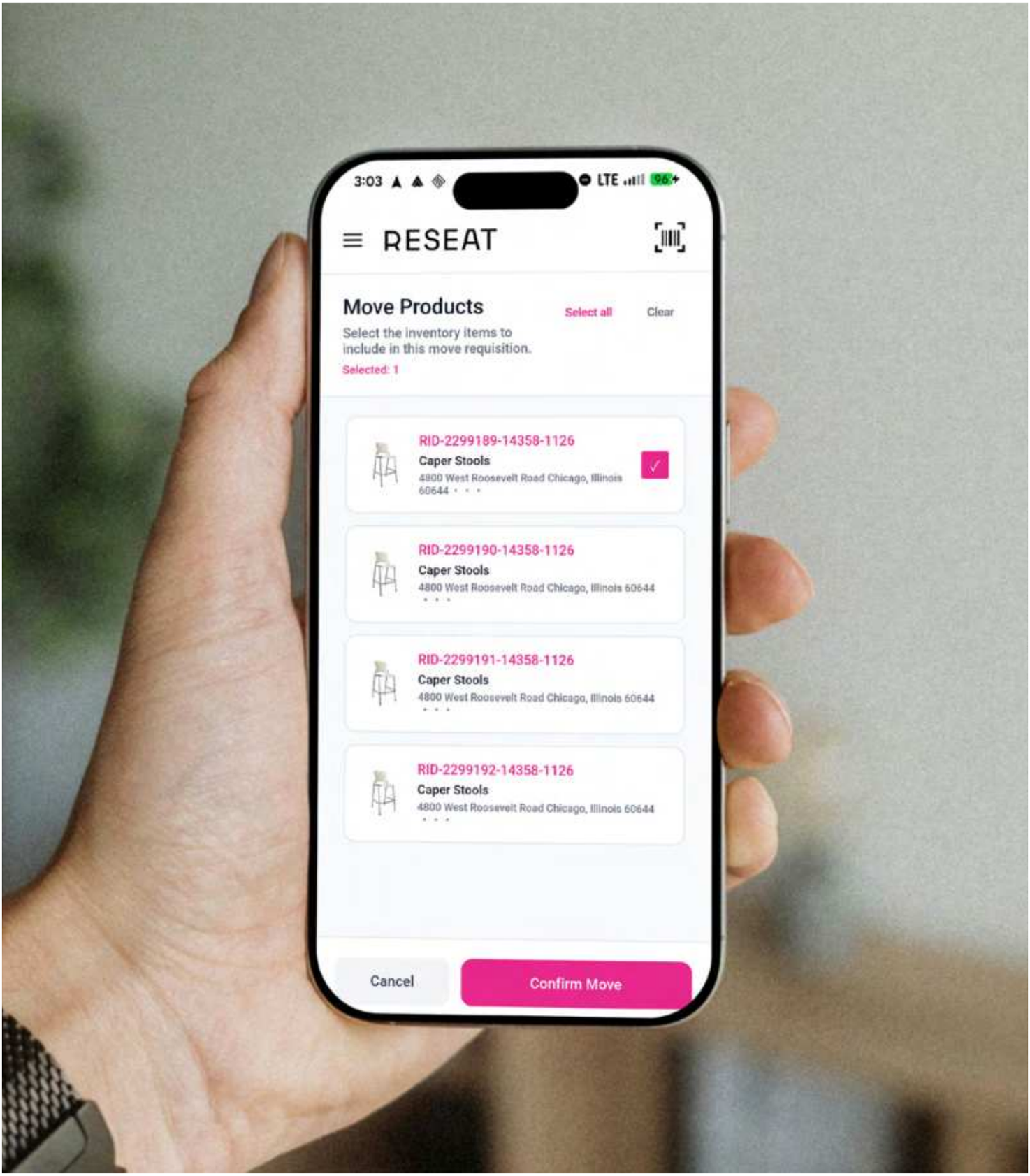
A height-adjustable power solution that brings outlets and charging access to the surface only when needed.



ami

KINDL

A digital whiteboard that captures handwritten content instantly while preserving the natural feel of writing on a markerboard.



RESEAT

RESEAT MOBILE APP

A workplace app that helps organizations track, manage, and reconfigure furniture assets with ease.

CECOCECO

ARTMORPH

A textured luminous panel designed for both visual and tactile experience, integrating natural textures with animated LED displays





Fellowes

FLEXCHARGE

A desktop charging solution that provides accessible power and USB charging without permanent installation.



HAT COLLECTIVE™
HUMAN ACTIVE TECHNOLOGY

CORVA

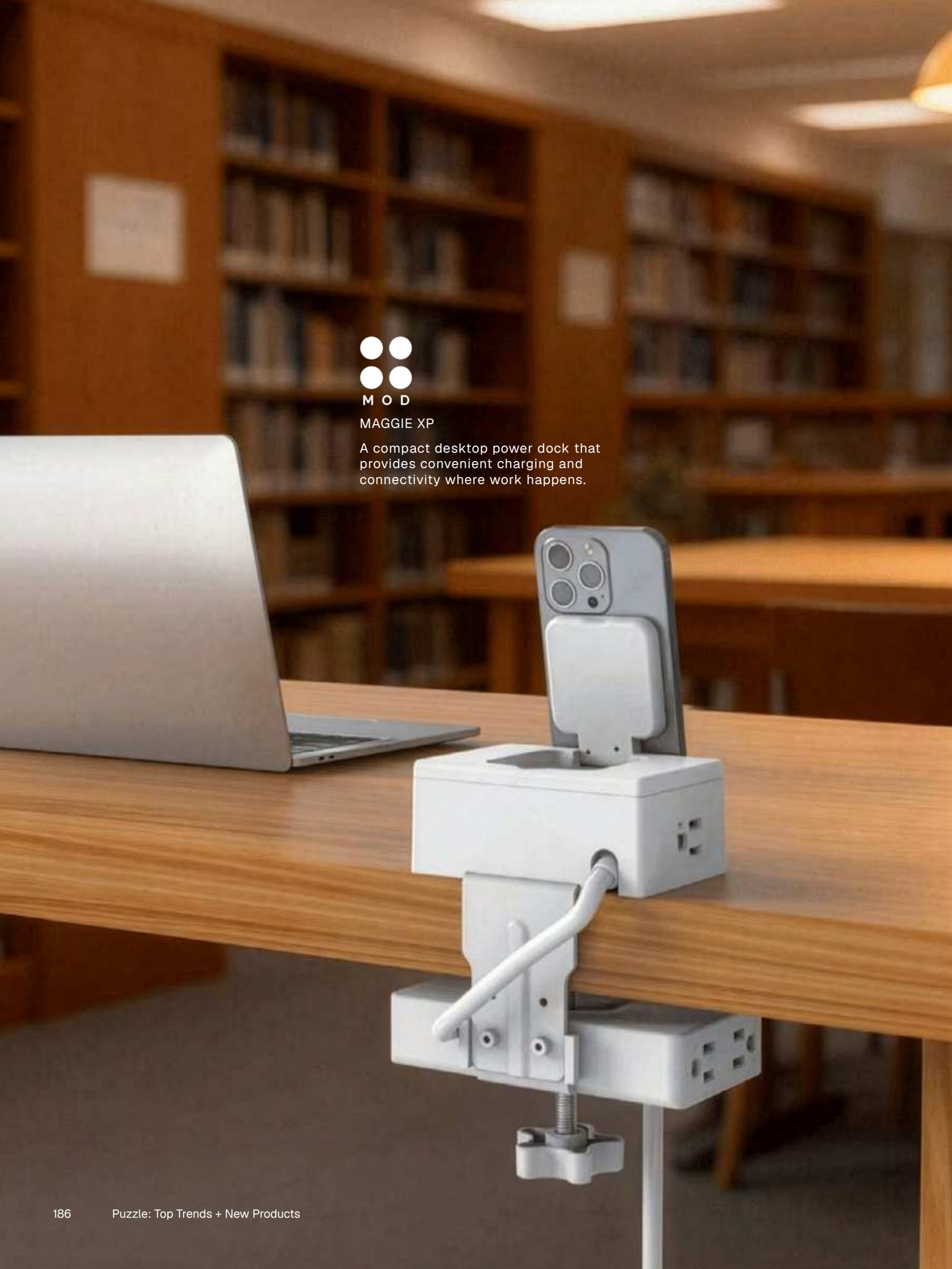
An overhead power and lighting beam that delivers flexible utilities without sacrificing clean aesthetics.

CLEARSPACE DESIGN

SMARTHUB

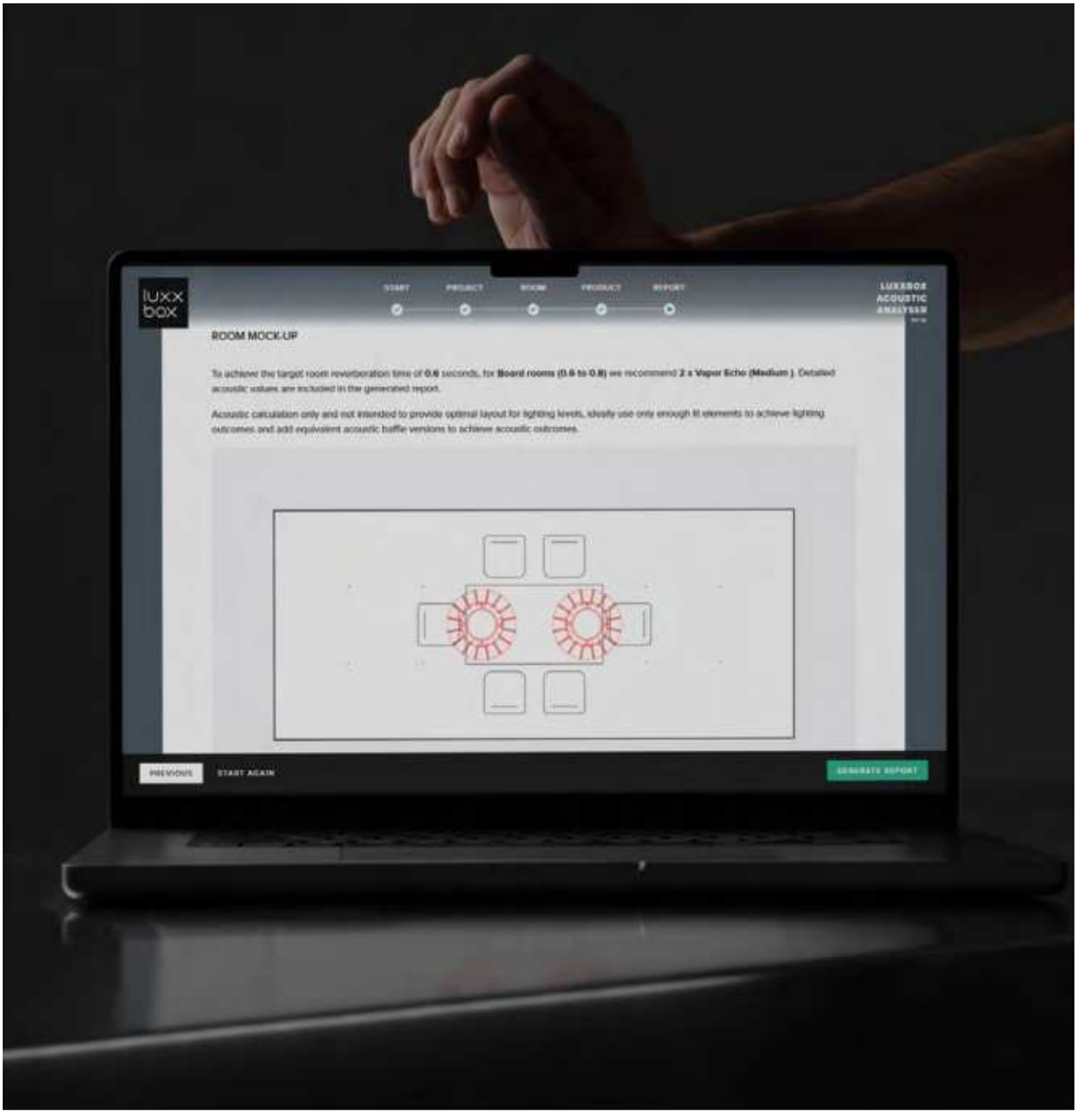
A centralized hub that neatly integrates power, charging, and connectivity within collaborative furniture.





MAGGIE XP

A compact desktop power dock that provides convenient charging and connectivity where work happens.



luxx box

ACOUSTIC ANALYZER

An acoustic assessment tool that measures workplace sound performance to improve speech privacy and comfort.



SPECIAL EDITION

Top Trends + New Products