

# NeoCon®

## The Future of Work: 4 Major Trends at NeoCon 2017

**(Chicago, IL- June 2017)** As the global platform for commercial interiors, NeoCon brings the latest products, trends and ideas to market. Held this year from June 12-14 at The Mart in Chicago, the event caters to a range of verticals from healthcare to hospitality. As always, the future of the office will play a major role at the 2017 edition. Workplace design has become even more essential as companies are realizing the impact it has on productivity and a company's bottom line. With Millennials, Generation Z and the gig economy becoming the new faces of the workplace, organizations are using their workspaces as one way to attract and retain employees. The rapidly changing landscape is driving a need for new solutions in biophilic design, privacy, adaptable furniture and technology.

According to Byron Morton, VP Leasing, "NeoCon is an invaluable resource for the advancement of commercial interiors. The concepts, trends and solutions introduced at NeoCon each year, really have the power to shape not only the design of these spaces, but also profoundly affect the individuals who live, interact and work within them."

### **TREND: BIOPHILIC DESIGN**

More and more commercial interiors are taking their cues from nature, incorporating natural materials, natural light, vegetation, nature views and other experiences of the natural world into the modern built environment. Numerous studies show that this makes employees happier and more productive. NeoCon will be a hub of inspiration as manufacturers will feature everything from flooring to textiles that address these biophilic design principles.



### **Tarkett, Suite 380**

Created by world-renowned designer Suzanne Tick, Flexible Standards V90151 brings a familiar feeling of comfort informed by honest materials such as raw stones, and hidden fractures in the earth. Fusion creates an experiential space with a focus on how it feels, as much as how it looks. A sculpted organic texture created by a mix of high-speckled and low-speckled yarns and softly shifting color contrast, this combination enhances our senses and mood



### **Mohawk Group, Suite 377**

Inspired by the idea of “Nature’s Carpet,” the Lichen Collection by Mohawk Group is a new modular plank carpet system resulting from innovations that merge leading concepts in biophilic design and sustainability. Designed in collaboration with Jason McLennan of McLennan Design, Lichen is the first flooring product to achieve the International Living Future Institute’s Living Product Challenge Petal certification. The creation and specifying of Lichen has a net positive impact for people and the environment, through innovations in materials, manufacturing and community involvement. Just as lichens play a regenerative role in their ecosystem, the Lichen Collection gives more resources back to the environment than it uses during its entire life cycle.



### **Humanscale, Suite 351**

By following circadian rhythms, biological lighting offers benefits for both mental and physical well-being. At NeoCon, Humanscale will integrate biological lighting technology into its Element task lighting series. The outfitted Element lights will feature specific light settings designed to mimic nature's clock.



### **Interface, Suite 10-136**

Interface Inc. will present Global Change™, its most versatile collection to-date, pairing nature-inspired biophilic design with Interface’s modular flooring system expertise. Global Change reflects the human need to seek out nature and brings these qualities to commercial interiors, including corporate office and hospitality environments. The collection offers architects and designers the ability to bring biophilic-inspired flooring into their spaces,

leading to more positive experiences and improved well-being for the people who use them. The collection evokes foliage through artistic interpretation of tree and leaf shading patterns. Biophilic elements and references are also reflected in random patterns and fluid transitions inspired by textures found in nature.



### **CP Furniture Systems, Suite 10-166**

Climate Office Hedge Elements are planted with philodendron and measure 1980 x 1200 mm. One unique feature of C+P hedge elements is the possibility of equipping the wall with acoustically effective filling which has a sound-insulating or sound-absorbing effect. This acoustic filling is also “green” since it is made of recycling material.

### **TREND: PRIVACY ON DEMAND**

In the open plan workplace, people need the ability to create privacy on demand. From agile partitions to mobile pods, manufacturers are offering new solutions to satisfy these needs.



### **Arper, Suite 339**

Design Lievore Altherr Molina, 2016 Parentesit is a collection of decorative modular wall panels that offers comfort for contemporary shared spaces. The bold, graphic forms are available in three shapes — a circle, a square or an oval — that can be further customized with the addition of a speaker or ambient light, to create a visual element that is as functional as it is modern. The collection is now complemented by the Freestanding version, a modular stand alone system for concentration or quiet conversation in

shared workspaces or collaborative environments.



### **Jabrrbox, 7-3107**

Jabrrbox™, a new workplace solutions company will officially launch at NeoCon with two innovative products: Jabrrbox One and the enhanced Jabrrbox Chromebooth. Combining integrated technology, comfort and privacy, the 48 x 48 x 90 workplace solution fills a critical void in the marketplace and is engineered for today's



increasingly mobile workforce. Specifically developed to provide accessibility for sessions longer than 15 minutes, it's ideal for conference calls, lengthy projects, or just productive, hyper-focused work.



### **C.R. Laurence Co., Inc, 7-5029**

C.R. Laurence manufactures a complete line of Division 10 demountable office partition systems designed to meet performance requirements, while providing attractive visuals. The company's array of customizable solutions includes: movable walls that can help create multi-purpose spaces; framed systems to enhance acoustic privacy; and frameless partitions that maximize natural light transmission and add contemporary aesthetics. Monterey Bi-Folding Glass Wall System, 487 Series Office Partition with Integrated Slider,

Laguna Series Sliding Glass Door System, Fallbrook Series Office Partition, Cascade Series Office Partition System.



### **Maars Living Walls, 7-5030**

SQAPE, a concept model from Maars Living Walls is seen as the next generation of solid steel walls. It combines high-quality with groundbreaking techniques and a minimalistic design. All elements are integrated in the construction, resulting in an uncompromising interplay of lines. SQAPE will create visual privacy, but also privacy in terms of sound, given the exceptionally high acoustic performance.



### **LOFTwall, 7-7046**

LOFTwall's agile solutions and partitions provide privacy and extend the function of an open office space for individual focused work or group collaboration. Built to order, LOFTwall products feature a modular frame made from 75 percent recycled content that can be easily customized with panels available in a wide range of colors and finishes.



### **Framery, 7-7062**

Framery Q offers a quiet and comfortable space designed for two users to have meetings, work sessions and important conversations. Adjustable tables and lighting are only a few examples of the technical innovations created for convenience and efficiency.



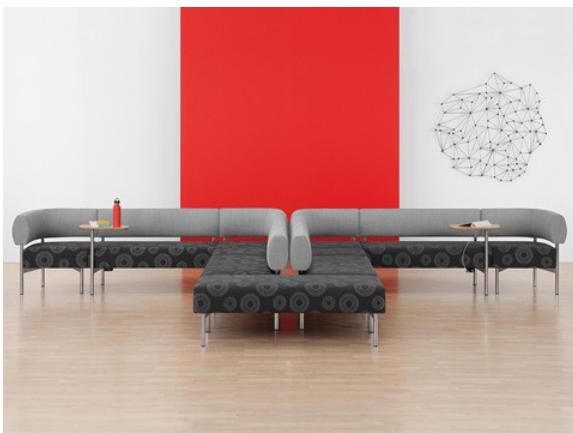
### **Fluidconcepts & Design Inc. / Inline Systems, Suite 7-7100**

Orbit is a revolution in workstation design. Orbit workstations conform to how people actually work by providing single location access to a user's work area in one continuous ergonomic circumference. Orbit workstations can be complete circular workstations or partial segments. Workstations can be linked in various configurations in snake like configurations, tangents, or as independent pods. Orbit can be

specified in multiple diameters, radii and heights. Curved dividers are available in a variety of materials such as laminate, fabric, metal printed and acrylics. 8 wire/4 circuit electrical and data system can be specified. Orbit offers installs extremely fast to create flexible and dynamic workstation environments.

### **TREND: ADAPTIVE FURNISHINGS**

While privacy is key, so too is furniture that fosters collaboration. As the need for versatile, modular and flexible offerings continues to grow, the industry is charging full steam ahead with a myriad of options. From lighting to seating, NeoCon exhibitors will feature the latest and greatest reconfigurable and highly adjustable solutions.



### **Encore Seating, Suite 336**

With virtually endless configuration options, Playground is a multipurpose bench and lounge collection limited only by the imagination. Designed by Christopher Panichella, it offers serpentine shapes, straight models or transitional units for opposing seated directions.



### **Arcadia, Suite 340**

Flirt creates a place to come together, collaborate, listen and learn. Its broad offering of multi-use, reconfigurable products enable the maximization of different settings, inspiring and supporting the work at hand. Whether meetings are planned for impromptu, include many attendees or only a few, or require the sharing of spaces, Flirt changes and adapts to needs at any given moment.



### **Cabot Wrenn, Suite 367**

The Reach task table is a folded steel table that pulls up to the user to offer an auxiliary work surface in casual and formal environments. It is designed to stack/nest for compact storage and can come in a wide array of powder coat colors.



### **Light Corporation, Suite 7-9062**

LightCorp officially launches a light like no other at NeoCon: the Amble LED task light, developed in collaboration with renowned industrial designer Stephan Copeland. Minimalism in the extreme, the breakthrough Amble LED task light has only one moving part – yet offers astonishing adjustability and portability for the user.



### **Groupe Lacasse, Suite 1042**

More than just office furniture, the STAD collection by Lacasse is a professional lifestyle. Answering to the emerging needs of today's open plan workspaces, including more privacy when desired and collaborative or impromptu meeting areas. The components can be reconfigured time and again,

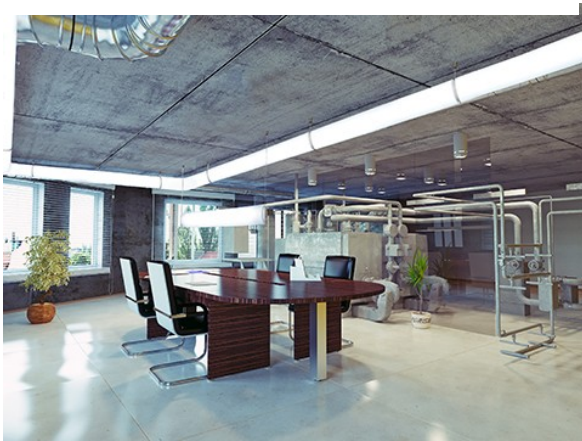


with adjustable height tables, modular soft seating and poufs for greater comfort and better posture.



### **Koleksiyon, Suite 11-132**

Calder is a modern seating system developed for workspaces and open areas. The system pulls together three elements that can create over 40 different arrangements for ultimate versatility and workplace style.



### **Barbican Architectural Products, Suite 11-135**

The PipeLight System is an innovative, ultra high efficiency LED lighting system. Comprised of straight, curved and corner components, the PipeLight is a modular system that offers flexibility with mounting options, creating endless variations that will suit any environment. Unlike typical cylindrical fixtures which use standard opal acrylics, Barbican's PipeLight System is lit from end to end using a 6-sided internal board and heat sink system. This assures full and consistent performance throughout the entire fixture,

producing an even, ethereal glow. Built from a specially synthesized material that yields 85% light transmission while offering excellent LED hiding properties, this system of fixtures can provide all of the light required in a space without using supplemental down lights.

### **TREND: ACOUSTIC COMFORT**

According to the Well Building Standards, built environments can harbor sounds that are distracting and disruptive to work or relaxation. Employee surveys show that acoustic problems are a leading source of dissatisfaction within the environmental conditions of an office. NeoCon will offer resources that help mitigate unwanted noise



### **ICF Group, Suite 365**

Designed by the Argentinian born Australian designer Alexander Lotersztain for Instyle, ecoustic® Float is a clever small-scale intersecting baffle system and ecoustic® Intersect is a stunning sculptural partition system. ecoustic® Float provides endless combinations of intersecting angles can be choreographed into patterns in free

standing suspended orientations or in circular forms thereby providing designers the freedom to arrange the baffles to suit the scale and design of interior space.



#### **Carnegie, Suite 10-112**

A collaboration with Creation Baumann, Carnegie's newest window solution Entrada is an innovative product reducing noise while providing a modern aesthetic. Entrada acts as a drapery and hanging panel solution, possessing acoustical capabilities while bringing privacy to an array of office settings. The textile is first cut by laser and then sewn into a three-dimensional structure, with the structural relief creating an intriguing interplay of light and shade. The fabric, which resembles a fine wool felt, is surprisingly made of 100% Trevira CS Polyester, passing the most stringent fire codes. The 47" width by 118" length panel has a NRC of 0.45 when draped flat and a NRC of 0.65 when draped at 100% fullness.



#### **Falcon, Suite 11-111**

Caruso acoustic products are offered in three types, wall mounted, ceiling hung, and freestanding, Caruso Acoustic panels are minimalist products that blend in well with a space's architecture. Available in 22 colors, a range of fabrics, and variety of patterns, panels can be completely customized to create a signature aesthetic. With the custom print solution, any high resolution image can be converted into an acoustic panel that becomes beautiful artwork and integrates seamlessly into the design of a space. The sight obstruction capabilities and

artistic use of sizes, colors, and messages provide designers with many opportunities to create strong visual interest in a space.



## TREND: NEW TECHNOLOGY

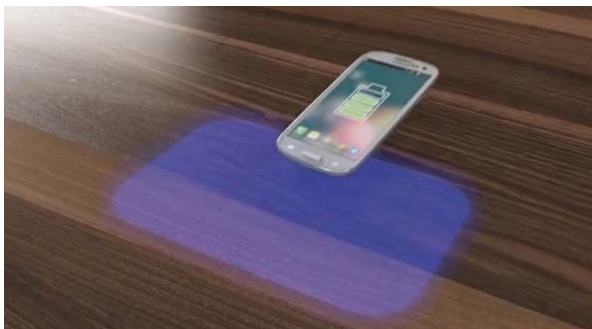
From VR and AR to new software, wearables and wireless charging, the technology sector is brimming with exciting new solutions. This ever evolving category will have an entire area dedicated to it on the 7th floor exhibition hall and play a major role in the products introduced on floors 3, 10 and 11.



### Configura, 7-5129

Designing in real time and high expectations for immersive visualization experience of a designed space are major market needs. Configura is answering the demand with its products. At NeoCon, Configura announces the release of CET Designer 8.0. The latest version of the award-winning space-planning software includes the ability to create 360-degree walk-thru videos, enhancements to the Virtual Viewer VR Extension and other improvements making it easier than ever

to produce photorealistic, panoramic renderings.



### BA Technologies, 7-8048

The newest in wireless device charging technology, DekTek™ is solving the issues current devices on the market have not: no more drilling out holes within surfaces to install. The transmitters offer up to 40mm of signal penetration through any non-metal material. This allows users to charge multiple devices in the same charging area at the same time. It also gives them to freedom to place their device

anywhere within the DropZone and transmitters can be placed side by side to create even larger charging areas.



### EVOLine, 7-1111

EVOLine® Square80 is the smart solution for desktop wireless charging. The sliding cover in its Qi-Version provides an inductive technology for wireless charging of suitable mobile devices. It is available with or without Qi-charging, a socket, a USB Charger and a data connection inside the 3.15 inch diameter.



### **Gantner Technologies, 7-10077**

Gantner Technologies offers an innovative electronic locking solution for staff lockers used in activity based workplace concepts like hoteling, benching or hotdesking. Its networked (online) locker lock is easy to use, easy to manage and operates with pre-existing staff-ID card. A web based locker management software offers a real time audit trail, utilization reports and the possibility to assign lockers from mobile devices. The system is hardwired, does not use batteries and is extremely environment-friendly. It

streamlines the locker management, reduces operational costs and is the ideal locker lock for the modern office environment.

This is just a sample of the solutions in store at NeoCon 2017. Additional showroom and exhibitor information can be found using NeoCon's My Planner tool and the NeoCon App. For news, images and real-time information, follow NeoCon Shows on the following social media channels: [Facebook](#) (@NeoConShows), [Twitter](#) (@NeoCon\_Shows), [Instagram](#) (@NeoCon\_Shows) and [Snapchat](#) (@NeoConShows).

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