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**THE FOUNDATIONS for happy & healthy workspaces**

Happiness is highly subjective. It’s a feeling that comes in all shapes and sizes, so it would be wrong to think there’s a single recipe for achieving a happy and healthy workspace. It is actually a mix of factors.

**Light it up**

The spaces in which we live and work should be places where we thrive. However, there are often several factors that negatively impact our well-being and happiness. These factors are poor sound control and light.

Many rooms that need acoustic treatment also need better lighting. Just because a space is already equipped, doesn’t mean there are no opportunities to have a sound-treated room. With our solid expertise in acoustics, our noise-reducing lighting portfolio accommodates the demand for both sound absorption and light.

Now a meeting room can be well-balanced and ensure perfect speech intelligibility, while also being a distinctive setting within an open space.

**Happiness starts with good acoustics**

Many people work and live in open spaces which offer a high degree of flexibility and better possibilities for collaboration. However, this model may pose different challenges concerning privacy and concentration. This is where acoustics play an important role in the workspace.

Sound and environmental noise need to be perfectly balanced with the office setting as both impact employees’ productivity and well-being. Try a new generation of acoustic wall and ceiling solutions, like BuzziDish—a dynamic and playful character with exceptional acoustic features, designed with acoustically well-balanced spaces in mind.

**Add a zest of nature**

Plants are one of the easiest ways to liven up a space. Don’t like the maintenance? Choose our BuzziSkin Printed in different greens, BuzziPlant or BuzziCactus.

**Encourage social interaction**

Establishing a social environment and strong employee relations can also play a major role in creating a happy workspace. It’s a matter of connecting people and encouraging employees to build relationships with one another.

We can achieve this by designing the working environment accordingly. You can stimulate social interaction in open spaces by creating microenvironments. They are small, distinct zones separated from their nearby environments by a variety of characteristics, such as level of privacy, lighting, type of seating and workstation.

In this case, flexible solutions can be easily rearranged such as BuzziCube or the more active BuzziBalance. There are plenty of opportunities to create spaces for stimulating communication or meeting spontaneously. Our acoustic designs were created for this mission. Create your ideal breakout zone and cheer it up with our striking color palette.
Q&A

A conversation about lighting, acoustics & design

Opposite to what the word implies, acoustic lighting is about much more than merging two rather technical fields of know-how – acoustics and lighting. Design is equally important in this relationship. To get a sense of the interplay between these three factors, we sat down with designer Alain Gilles and two of our BuzziExperts, Sarah and Daniel, for a conversation about lighting, acoustics and design.

The acoustic lighting portfolio already included several best-selling products, so why expand it?

“First of all, there’s a big opportunity in the market. Many rooms that need acoustic treatments also need lighting. With our solid expertise in acoustics, expanding the category with a better and more diverse range of solutions was a natural next step to us”, says Sarah.

Why are there so few acoustic lighting products in the market?

Daniel starts off, “Lighting and acoustic solutions have root in two very different industries. Therefore, many lighting brands don’t have the in-house knowledge on acoustics so they’ll try to outsource these parts, and vice versa. At BuzziSpace, everything is in-house.” Alain nods agreeingly, “Lighting is engineering, it’s hard components and metals. Adding acoustic elements to lighting typically involves upholstery and craftsmanship. It’s really a different skillset. Combining these two fields into a single product requires know-how most brands don’t possess on their own. For a long time, I’ve been wanting to extend my design portfolio to include sound absorbing lighting, and now this has become a reality thanks to the collaboration with BuzziSpace.”

What’s most unique about the new products such as BuzziHat and BuzziZepp LED?

“The, almost, endless fabric and color combinations”, says Sarah without hesitation in her voice. “With these new solutions, we’re giving the customer the opportunity to easily combine and match fabrics and colors with other furniture in the space to create a harmonious design. Apart from being functional, offering very good acoustic performance and light output, these new products are also fun.” Alain laughs and continues, “BuzziHat is fun. It has character and personality – a bit like Michelin’s cute, puffy white mascot, Bibendum.”

Which challenges do you typically encounter throughout the development process?

“Combining light with upholstered sound absorptive materials, such as foam, is quite a challenge in itself, not only concerning certifications, but also from a design perspective. The end product must be beautiful and conceal its technical features”, states Daniel and looks up, “Take the BuzziMoon hanging above us. At first sight, you see a lamp covered in fabric without realizing that it’s an acoustic product as well. And that’s what I mean when talking about hiding technical properties. Sarah adds, “Achieving this is only possible because of the close collaboration and open dialogue we have with our designers. In the end, it’s about striking a balance between design concept and what’s possible from a production perspective.”

Why should interior designers include acoustic lighting in their plans?

Alain begins, “Often a space is already occupied by other furniture pieces, and sometimes the ceiling is too. But in between floor and ceiling, there’s not always a lot happening. In spaces like these, BuzziZepp LED can be a great add-on. With its dense, yet slim, foam core, it provides acoustic treatment to a space while also supplying a great light output above a workstation.” Sarah continues, “The same goes for BuzziHat. Both products create a lot of acoustic volume and with the integrated light both bring along extra functionality, providing versatility just like our existing products. Customers don’t have to invest in both lighting and acoustic solutions anymore: we combine both.”

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Create a majestic sense of serenity with this geometric sound-absorbing pendant light. With a powerful light output it helps you light up your mind while reducing noise for improved focus.

Don’t be deceived by the straightforward design of this pendant lamp. It offers the best of both worlds: functional lighting embedded in a proved acoustic ceiling solution.

Let your mind travel to uninterrupted places far away. This noise-reducing pendant light helps take care of that, balancing sound for improved focus and concentration.

A modern take on the past. This pendant light reinterprets the traditional lantern, combining light and sound absorption a unique trompe l’ceil finish.

Remarkable craftsmanship generates these large architectural folds that maximize surface and define exceptional acoustic performance. The dimmable warm light gives BuzziPleat LED an even greater sense of depth.

Prevent eavesdroppers from hearing your private conversations and reduces external noise levels to a minimum. This noise-reducing pendant accommodates the demand for both sound absorption and light. Now also meet the new plus-size members: BuzziShade XL and XXL.

This noise-absorbing pendant light steals the show in every space. It is a diffused functional LED light housed in a bold bell shape. Match your lighting with the other furniture to experience its power.

Meet this lightweight sound-absorbing light with its own character. It is an acoustic, decorative pendant light made of a single layer of BuzziFelt.

The iconic shade is now reinterpreted with a twist. This elegant noise-reducing lighting, designed with a keen eye for details offers both sound absorption and light. You just have to let it shine!

Opt for this large slim, sound-absorbing panels with LED lines if you are eager to ensure minimal echo and have adequate lighting.

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Be bold and bright like this playful pendant lamp. It is cartoon-like on the outside, but high-tech under the hood. The result—sound absorption and functional lighting in one.
HOW TO CREATE A WELL-BALANCED ROOM

When designing a space, we often only focus on visible items: tables, chairs, curtains, and décor. What’s invisible to the naked eye, for instance, the acoustics of the room, is often overlooked the impact of acoustics on professionals’ health and well-being. Below, we share two settings to inspire you. Discover how you can create a well-balanced space with only a few measures.

MEETING ROOM

Some of the typical challenges in meetings rooms are hard surfaces from floors, ceilings, and walls along with non-absorbing furniture, including screens and whiteboards. Another common problem, inherent to meeting rooms, is that it’s often small spaces where sounds quickly bounce back and forth, which affects the speech clarity. Therefore, we should be smart in treating acoustic issues in meetings rooms to optimize the use of the space.

Potential solutions to reducing reverb time in meeting rooms include ceiling applications, e.g., BuzziPleat. These are especially great to capture sound waves going upwards. Combining different suspension heights will prevent sound traveling continuously in a space like this. Consider adding an LED output to provide adequate lighting for various tasks. To further reduce sounds bouncing back and forth in the space, add wall-mounted solutions like BuzziSkin Printed — a creative way to enliven your walls while improving the acoustics of the room.

CONCLUSION

From the very beginning, acoustics has been the driving force, and it still is to this day. With a commitment to quality design, we provide not only beautiful solutions but products that serve a purpose. It’s a tried-and-true acoustic portfolio that has undergone rigorous testing by an independent laboratory to deliver maximum performance with minimum visibility.

Find more on www.buzzi.space/noise-reduction
Every restaurant visitor wants to enjoy a special meal and, at the same time, be able to carry out a normal conversation. However, creating an acoustically well-balanced space can be a challenge, especially in the hospitality sector.

In a report, “Noise and its impact on the perception of food and drink” from the University of Oxford, Charles Spencer found that “both background noise and loud music can impair our ability to taste food and drink. It would appear that noise selectively impairs the ability to detect tastes such as sweet and sour while leaving certain other taste and flavor experiences relatively unaffected.”

Therefore, acoustic treatments should never be an afterthought, but the starting point for the design of any restaurant space, just like it was for VSP during the refurbishment. To meet the challenges of background noise, they chose to work extensively with BuzziProp LED and BuzziJet in different zones of the restaurant. This noise-reducing pendant light accommodates the demand for both sound absorption and light.

The Ripple Effects of Poor Acoustics

This 2-star Michelin restaurant and contemporary hotspot recently presented a restyled interior lead by the architect studio Vudafieri - Saverino Partners (VSP). Thanks to their exceptional experience in developing new restaurant concepts, VSP stayed true to the history and the character of the place by defining a bright, intimate space.

The chefs, Alessandro Negrini and Fabio Pisani—both simplicity seekers and known for challenging trends—clearly conveyed their vision prior to the refurbishment, “We don’t like eating in restaurants that look like a computer store. We want a space that evokes warmth, even if it stays minimal. Japan is a good example.”

In the restaurant, VSP studio aimed to create a neutral, relaxing atmosphere with a focus on the gastronomic experience. Signs from the past convey a sense of continuity. The warm tones of canaletto walnut (solid wood) define the rooms, while the fabrics—reflective of Milan’s residential district—bring it all together. Wood also features around the windows, creating a framework around them reminiscent of the old houses.

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Happy & Healthy Workspaces around the World

There are plenty of opportunities to create the ideal workplace, full of both character and functionality, and without losing sight of good acoustics.

Here, you will discover that any space reflects its personality and become a distinctive setting within an open space, creating different microenvironments depending on the task or need.

Have a look inside some of the inspiring projects around the world and explore how different solutions contribute to creating happy and healthy workspaces.

A comfortable seating experience always plays an important role. These elegant and bold designs fit every interior, creating different atmospheres from lounges with plush seating and soft cushions, like BuzziSpark, to trendy chairs that fit meeting rooms, workstations and more.

Choose from a wide range of designs to match different settings: workspaces, hospitality areas, lounges and even outdoor.

LIGHT + SILENCE

Acoustic lighting

Many rooms that need acoustic treatments also need lighting. Therefore, we offer a full range of noise-reducing solutions, just like BuzziShade illustrated in this picture, in endless fabric and color combinations. Mix-and-match with other furniture in your space to create a harmonious design. A fantastic and distinctive addition to any office, waiting room or restaurant.

All in one: lighting, noise reduction, design, and quality. Pick your favorite acoustic LED lighting for either functional or decorative purposes and light up your mind in silence.
A WORLD OF SILENCE

Acoustic panels

Who says an acoustic panel can’t add a touch of personality to a space? If you regularly suffer from poor acoustics, you can reduce noise with our playful acoustic panels, like BuzziKey Soft, to improve well-being at work. These soundproof solutions have all features in one: sound absorption, bold design and a surface to stick pins onto.

WORK APART TOGETHER

Desk partitions

Nowadays, collaborative open spaces might also pose the challenge of noise pollution. Consequently, employees are eager to have both visual and acoustic privacy.

These flexible solutions, such as BuzziDesk FlipFlop, are the perfect add-on to remedy distractions, acting as a shelter, and improving focus at work. Carve out your own work nest to create a more focused and comfortable atmosphere with flexible, sound-absorbing desk partitions—and stay connected with coworkers.

DIVIDE AND CONQUER

Room dividers

These flexible and movable room dividers are the perfect fit if you want to create smaller areas in big spaces. They are silent but not unnoticed, just like BuzziFalls,一定会 draw the attention in any open space while mitigating sound efficiently. Choose from different bold designs and striking colors and create different levels of transparency according to your privacy needs.

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