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The idea that the workplace could become a place that energises the workforce, to the extent that **when you leave at the end of the workday you could be more replenished than when you arrived**, has been widely proposed in recent years.

Our physical and psychological well-being has moved centre stage and within enlightened organisations the need to **care for their workforce** has become a central requirement in the creation of new workspaces.

Woods/planters are designed to make our workplace a more engaging, stimulating and restorative environment. They are designed to allow the originators of workspaces to create areas that are centred in the **restorative dynamics of nature**.

Woods/planters is a product that facilitates both the creation of a scalable natural oasis of plants that offer diverse work typologies within and around them, for both the individual and the collaborative group.



Frame 4 - Mid & High Planter



Frame 1 - Low Planter

Spending time in natural environments makes us better at doing our jobs, and increases our feeling of vitality, boosting energy levels and making us feel more animated.



Frame 4 - Mid & High Planter



Frame 3 - Low & High Planter



Frame 5 - Mid Planter



Frame 1 - Low Planter



Frame 2 - Low & Mid Planter



Woods/planters creates space division using the attributes of natural wood slats structured around 'low tech' metal frames with five shelf options of configurations where you are surrounded by plants and a little less people.

Being around nature and plants can improve relationships between colleagues, increasing our empathy and concern for others.

Woods/planters and Covid - 19

Woods/planters are Orangebox's response to help achieve more social separation within the workplace. While large enough to divide spaces successfully they are designed and manufactured to be easily movable to facilitate the quick changing of interior spaces.

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is a simple product typology that delivers vitality and most importantly is designed with intelligence, which allows the product to be easily installed, moved and looked after.

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At the heart of the biophilic movement is the belief that we have an innate affinity with the natural world. **Biophilia in design has the potential to improve our physical and mental health, productivity and wellbeing.**

Woods/planters are inspired by research which shows that **positioning several plant arrangements around a space works better than concentrating plants in one location**, and that arrangements of different plants in groups work better than simply using individual plants. The acoustic qualities of plants are complemented by the psychological perception of quiet that arises out of their presence.

Responsible Timber Sourcing

Oak, Poplar & Ash die-back. Orangebox is re-engaging native timber supply in to the furniture sector. A simple initiative and a core principle for the design team. Circular economy in practice is, and has been, part of the prevalent terminology in environmental, ecological & economical vernacular over recent times. **'Easy to say, hard to do'** is the truth of the matter. But just as wood takes years to air dry so too does our unencumbered passion to deliver on such a tantalising promise.

Sadly, most home-grown timber is currently converted to low-value wood chip for biomass, made into fencing stock, or burnt as firewood. Ash die-back is also becoming a major issue within the UK. By working closely with local suppliers and using native timbers in a more design-focused and materially beneficial way, **our aim is to create a viable supply chain and help establish a market for native timbers** within the UK furniture industry.

Reducing Noise

Unwanted noise is distracting and interruptive, and if it's persistently disruptive can also make us less productive. Hard surfaces are rigid, reflecting sound waves back toward the source rather than vibrating when sound hits them. Plants and shrubbery are naturally uneven, which means that sound waves hitting their surfaces are reflected around any given space more evenly, reducing echoes and the intensity of sound.



Frame 4 - Mid & High Planter



Frame 5 - Mid Planter



Frame 2 - Low & Mid Planter



Improving Our Concentration

Plants absorb carbon dioxide and emit oxygen, and, by refreshing the air, reduce mental fatigue and improve our concentration and productivity levels, enhancing our ability to focus attention. Plants also tend to control humidity, keeping it within the optimum range for human health: when humidity levels are too low, we're more likely to develop viral infections; when it's too high, our vulnerability to other diseases increases.

Improving Wellbeing

Plants help to remove many unhealthy and unwanted compounds, and research has shown that plant-filled rooms contain far fewer airborne moulds and bacteria. Our growing awareness of these issues has made us increasingly unwilling to put up with irritants that we might previously have accepted as a normal part of our working life. We are also gaining confidence in the effectiveness of green plants in not only humanising the workplace but also improving health and wellbeing.



Reducing Stress & Fatigue

Plants help channel our stressful feelings into something more positive, giving us pleasure and bringing real physical, emotional and psychological benefits. Spending time cultivating and being surrounded by plants lowers levels of stress.

Acousticians are increasingly recognising the acoustic benefit of plants, encouraged by growing research that highlights the ability of greenery to regulate sound.