Book details

WORKPLACES TODAY

Workplaces Today is the latest latest book publication about workplace design and management from CFM - Centre for Facilities Management, Denmark (www.cfm.dtu.dk).

The book is a kaleidoscopic overview of the many places where people work today. It discusses a wide variety of places for knowledge work, ranging from shiny corporate head offices and cubicled call centres, to raw designer studios and hip co-work spaces. It also looks at how people work from home, on the road and in public spaces such as cafés, parks and hotels.

Workplaces Today is rich in content—packed with photos, illustrations and texts—and it takes a distinctively international perspective. The book features projects from Denmark, the Netherlands, the UK, France, Poland, Ireland, Sweden, Norway, China, Hong Kong, Mexico, the United States and Australia. Some of these projects are designed by famed architects such as OMA, MVRDV and Schmidt hammer lassen, but there are also projects from small firms and workplaces that have been designed by the users themselves.

The book's message is that there is no such thing as the perfect workplace. Today more than ever, there are many different options to create productive work environments. What works, or works not, is dependent on functional needs, but also on cultural norms and values, managerial ideologies and personal preferences.

The book has been written by CFM's workplace expert Juriaan van Meel. The project has been initiated by prof. Per Anker Jensen, Technical University of Denmark. Funding for the book project came from the foundation Realdania.

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