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# Why are Acoustics Meaningful?

#### What are acoustics?

Acoustics is about more than reducing noise—it is the science of controlling sound to improve how we experience our surroundings. In work environments, poor acoustic management can cause distractions, increase stress, and even lead to fatigue. Acoustic office furniture and solutions such as table screens, ceiling-hung panels, and wall-mounted absorbers help mitigate the image of unwanted noise, creating spaces that promote focus, comfort, and productivity —making a meaningful difference in how people feel and perform while working.

## Why Acoustics Matter in the Workplace

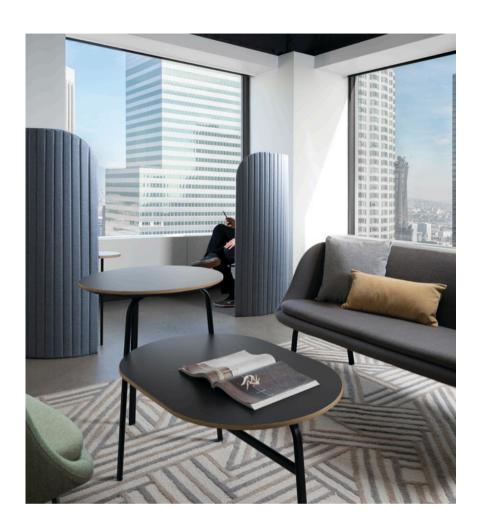
Noise isn't just a nuisance—it's also health issue—and acoustics contribute directly to employee satisfaction. Constant exposure to noise increases stress levels(1), which impacts everything from mental focus to physical wellbeing. Effective sound management while working lowers noise-induced stress, enhances focus, and contributes to overall well-being. By incorporating acoustic solutions, such as those developed by our partner brand Zilenzio, organizations can create environments that minimize distractions and foster a more positive atmosphere. As Zilenzio's Marie Lindqvist-Pahlstad states, "Absorbing noise is like absorbing stress."

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Acoustic solutions also play a key role in inclusivity and digital equity, particularly in hybrid work environments. By ensuring sound clarity in both in-person and virtual meetings, well-designed acoustic furniture helps everyone engage fully and equitably.

## Sustainable Acoustics for Modern Workplaces

Sustainability is a priority for many organizations. Acoustic solutions made from materials like stone wool not only absorb sound effectively but are also durable and environmentally responsible. Stone wool is a practically inexhaustible resource, making it a long-lasting solution for acoustic office furniture. Our partner brand, Zilenzio, incorporates this material into their products, aligning with both environmental goals and the need for effective sound management.

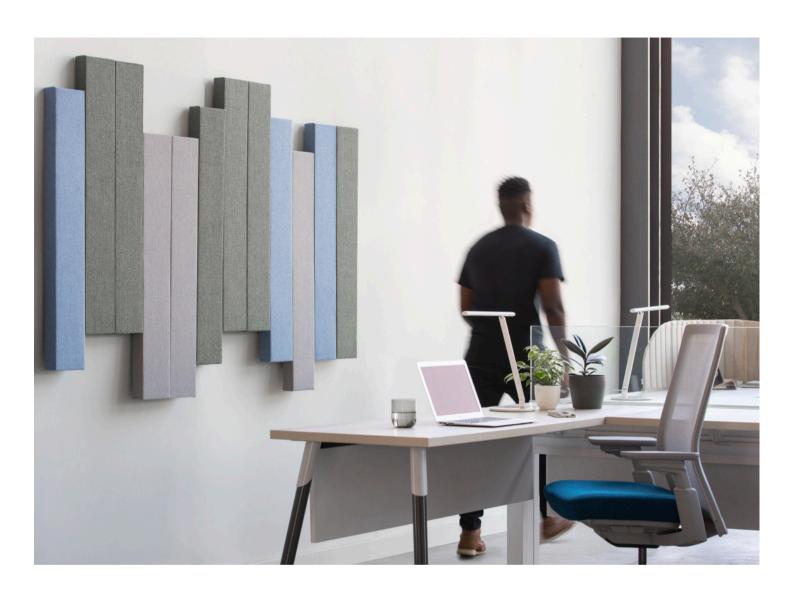




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#### What You Can Expect from Acoustic Solutions

Acoustic solutions do more than just reduce noise—they enhance the overall work experience. Employees who are less distracted by noise are more focused, productive, and comfortable. Integrating the right acoustic office furniture into workplace design transforms the environment from a source of frustration to a destination where people want to be.

Acoustics are an often-overlooked aspect of workplace design, yet their impact is far-reaching. In a world where noise is unavoidable, investing in the right acoustic office furniture and solutions is a proven way to enhance the work environment. By addressing poor acoustics, organizations can create spaces that support employee well-being, productivity, and inclusivity. With the rise of hybrid work, these solutions also contribute to digital equity, ensuring a seamless experience for both in-person and remote employees. In today's modern workplace, investing in acoustics is not just beneficial—it's essential.

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