

Viasit Neunkirchen





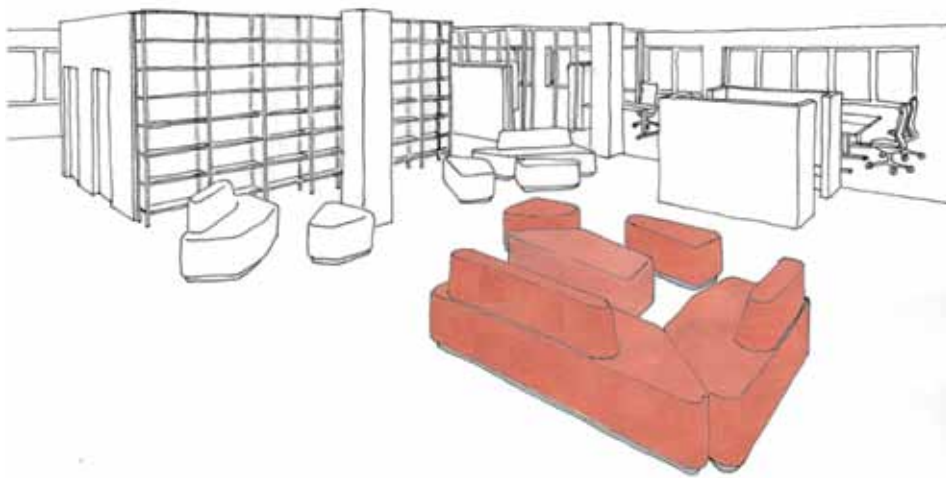
Welcome to Viasit

A modern, attractively designed working environment is good for the motivation and creativity of staff members. This is increasingly important in an age of skill shortages and high levels of competition between employers. »Open space« solutions are replacing traditional closed office spaces because they conserve resource and enable better communication. As an office furniture manufacturer, we frequently tell our customers this fact and of course should »practice what we preach«. With these considerations in mind we have refurbished the administration floor of our factory.

The 400 m² floor space has a dual purpose: it offers staff members the necessary room to work effectively and happily, whilst at the same time creating a »living showroom«, which is a test lab environment for our products and their practical application every day.



Viasit's Managing Directors
Thomas (left) and Werner Schmeer



Prof. Eve Hartnack and Carsten Feil from the Palma Kunkel office introduce their interior design concept. Design drawings illustrate the concept of an open, transparent office floor with various working areas.

From closed spaces to business collaboration

Perspectives in office spaces are changing: Specially designed spaces with diverse possibilities are the focus of more and more companies and their employees.

Flexible working and adaptable spaces are replacing the previous full-time static use of the workplace. The new credo is: Each person can select their space in the office themselves, as it suits them at the time and corresponding to their current activity. In the main there will continue to be personal working spaces. These are limited to the size of a desk with a mobile storage unit and may also be arranged in groups of desks or even in long »bench desks/tables«.

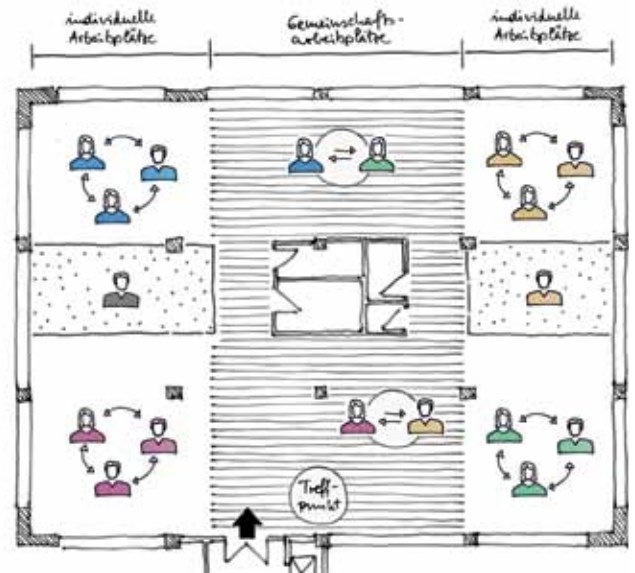
This contraction leaves free space in other areas of the office floor, offering various options: soft seating for short breaks and relaxed discussions, as well as upholstered furniture specially developed for the office environment, focussing on promoting communication. Ways of working that were previously unimaginable are now possible. Even a short »power nap« in office slang, is no longer frowned upon.

Welcome to our Business Club



Before

Previously over a third of the available floorspace was divided into closed spaces used as offices, meeting and leisure areas. Four teams occupied the open plan areas working with oversized and outdated furniture that was not fit for purpose and in a noisy environment that required better acoustics.

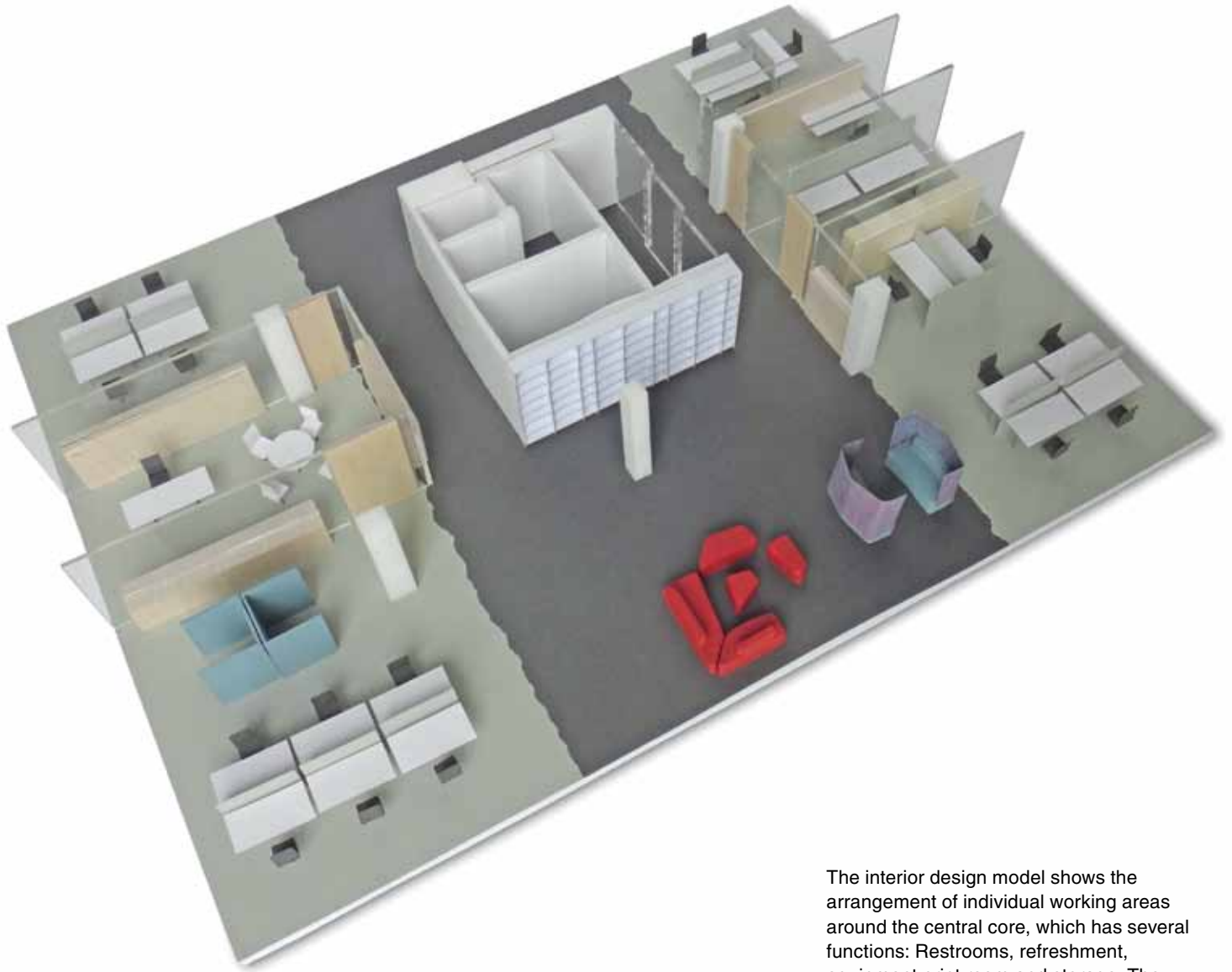


After

The essential closed office spaces were paired down and re-planned across the central axis of the services core and the transparent »floating glass« walls create a wide visual space. The four teams were given personal working spaces in the »room corners«. Compact groups of »sit stand« desks encourage the flow of information between fields of activity and there are opportunities for exchange and discussion between groups or individual team members in the central zone.



Palma Kunkel office researched, in a series of interactive workshops, what staff members found positive or worthy of criticism in the previous environment and what requests they had for their future workplace. Design suggestions were made before beginning the discussion.



The interior design model shows the arrangement of individual working areas around the central core, which has several functions: Restrooms, refreshment, equipment print room and storage. The movement of staff members around the core creates a fresh dynamic in the space.



Focus and exchange

An important aspect of the refurbishment of the office floor was the improvement of individual working spaces: They were optimised in size, ergonomically enhanced with electrical height adjustment, acoustically improved and visually organised with screens. Ambient lighting is provided by the latest technology of anti-glare suspended modules that bathe the workplace in a comfortable light.

The creation of communal working spaces in the central zone expands the spectrum of uses for the office floor, offering staff members much more flexibility. There are meeting places for short discussions or tea breaks as well as quiet spaces for tasks requiring concentration or confidential conversations.

With this project, Viasit proves that even a medium-sized company can provide a comfortable working environment that promotes informal contact and exchange and areas for quiet and concentrated, undisturbed work at the same time.





Electric height adjustable sit - stand tables facilitate dynamic work. Special felt screens improve acoustics within the group and provide privacy when required.



Left: Activity areas with a particular need for discretion were planned as individual spaces with glass walls to retain open feel of the area.

Right: An integrated discussion room with multi-media wall can also be used for video conferences.





Klikit stools in the »cafe«. This zone can be used for spontaneous meetings with colleagues and clients, with an espresso machine, »kitchen point« and technology charging stations all within arms reach.



»Organic Office« (foreground) and »Organic Link« are Viasits own answer to flexible open spaces that stimulate creativity in a far more relaxing manner than in a restrictive and formal meeting or conference room.

»Organic Office« has an open »random« design that however its configured looks great and creates flexible structures in open spaces. »Organic Link«, on the other hand, offers places for retreat within a room. Both complement each other perfectly and can be used in combination. The design originates from Palma Kunkel Architecture + Design.





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Project **Viasit, Neunkirchen**

Client **Viasit Bürositzmöbel GmbH**
Design **Palma Kunkel Architektur + Design**
Eve Hartnack und Carsten Feil

Lighting design **Projekt Licht - Andreas Thiel**

Products **»Impulse«, »Scope«, »Klikit«, »Pure«,**
»Re-pend«, »Organic Office«,
»Organic Link«, »Organic Work«,
»System 4«

Gross floor area **400 m²**
Working spaces **22 working spaces plus various**
communication zones