

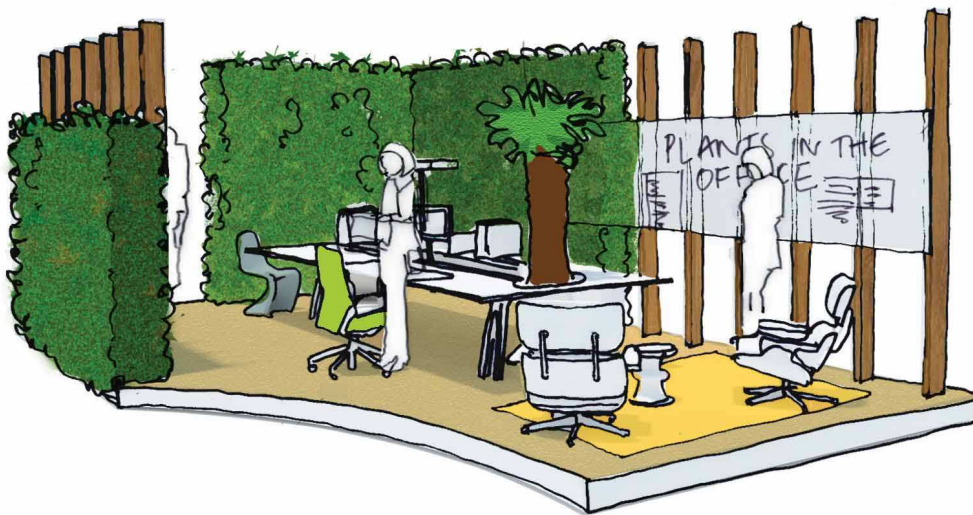


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Indoor Garden Design and Vitra win a Silver-Gilt Medal for their 'Living Office' interior garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2010



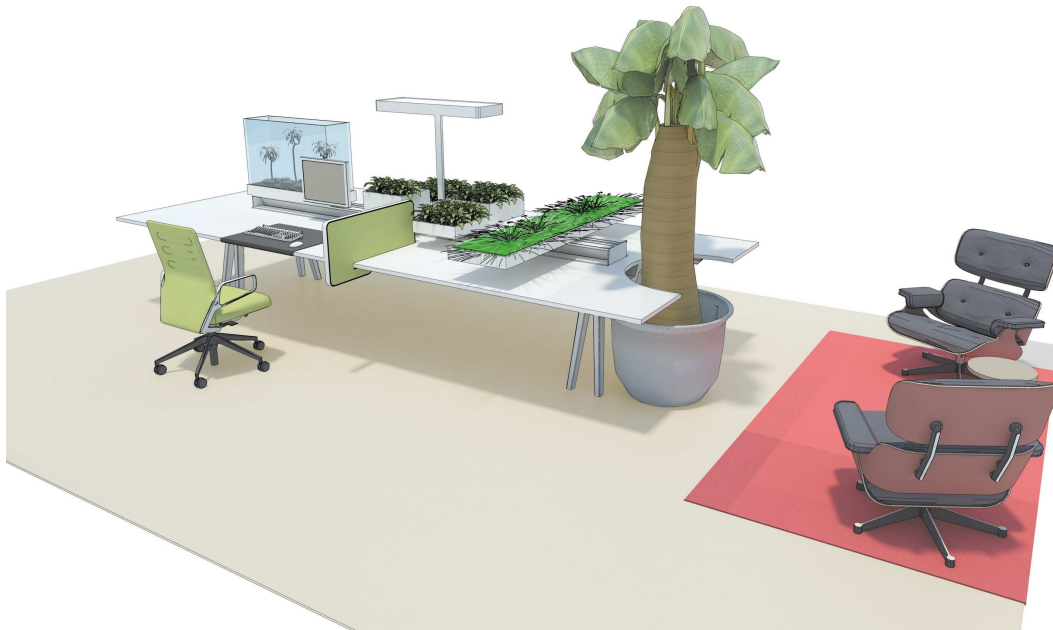
**The Living Office, a collaboration between Indoor Garden Design and Vitra has been awarded a Silver-Gilt Medal in the Continuous Learning Awards category at this year's Chelsea Flower Show. The Living Office is the first ever interior garden to be created at Chelsea.**

The Living Office illustrates the benefits and the effects of integrating plants into an 'office' to make for a healthier and sustainable environment in which to work.

Visitors to the Living Office will see a beautifully designed 'working' sanctuary complete with Vitra's office range that marries ergonomic philosophy with technical brilliance.

The Living Office features a resplendent living wall with a system that grows a salad for lunch, including strawberries, tomatoes, mint and chives. A fish tank acts as a grey water filtration system to feed the plants and a compost bin recycles waste whilst providing ambient heating to the work space.

Introducing plants into a working environment offers physical and psychological health benefits; these attributes include removing carbon monoxide from the air, absorbing dust and improving people's concentration and memory retention and heighten their senses. With over 3.5 million people working from home (research conducted by the TUC, 2009) it is important to balance the work home life to ensure that home workers function just as well as their office colleagues and plants can be key to that.



**Ian Drummond, Creative Director of Indoor Garden Design** – ‘I believe that people's external surroundings contribute to their general well-being and to that of the office interior. Plants make interiors feel much more looked-after and clean. I'm really pleased to be working with Vitra to encourage visitors to think about plants for the interior and not just the exterior.’

**Tony Ash, Managing Director of Vitra** comments, ‘The collaboration between Vitra and Indoor Garden Design has been a fascinating journey into how energising and generally more pleasing we can make the workplace, by integrating the best of horticulture with innovative furniture.’

The Living Office is located inside the Grand Pavilion, Stand No K7 at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show – 25- 29 May.

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