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Confair Next – Superior Hybrid Collaboration Options

Confair Next will premiere at Wilkhahn's Orgatec stand. This furnishing system offers a variety of coordinated room modules in a high-quality design throughout. It provides groundbreaking responses to multiple types of analog and hybrid collaboration. The solution is integrative, custom-designable, flexible and technology neutral. Therefore, Confair Next guarantees first-class, attractive furnishing solutions that are sound investments too.

Bad Münden, Germany October 2024. Wilkhahn's showcase will focus on presenting Confair Next. This "toolbox" comes in a high-quality design throughout. Its flexible room modules, which people can configure and use themselves, enhance communication and collaborative spaces. The room modules are designed to place the benefits of analog and digital media on an equal footing. The same goes for people attending meetings in person or online. Its customizable and coordinated design means Confair Next is very versatile. With mobile functionality, it's ideal for informal lounge areas to learning spaces, innovation rooms and workshops all the way to executive offices.

A comprehensive "toolbox"

The Confair Next range offers mobile room modules to meet the requirements of numerous communication and collaboration spaces. For instance, there's the Media Wall for interactive screens and boards with writing surfaces, the electrically height-adjustable Display Rack to acoustic wall panel and whiteboard modules in two widths as well as a shelving unit on casters. Or there's the lectern, various servers (trolleys for wireless power supplies and workshop-material organizers), Board tables at standing height and compact stools on casters. Complementing the range are Liteboards with writing surfaces in various formats, a four-wheeled trolley and wall rail set, which can all accommodate digital and analog media. White and sand-colored whiteboard finishes, frame surfaces in white or black with textured matte finishes, or silver with a satin finish, plus two fabric cover collections for the pinboard/sound-absorbent fleeces offer a huge range of design options.

Outlook

To match the Confair Next range's overarching concept, Wilkhahn is presenting the Confair Buddy case study. This is a ground-breaking innovation that promises to bridge the gap between people participating in events personally or remotely (see separate press release on Confair Buddy).

Innovator of the Year 2024 accolade

Shortly before we went to press, we found out that Wilkhahn had been named the Innovator of the Year for Confair Next at the 11th International Conference for Customization and Personalization (MCP 2024). Following past conferences in Hong Kong, Munich, Boston, Helsinki, San Francisco and others, this year's MCP took place at the University of Novi Sad in Serbia on September 25 and 26, 2024.



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The range: Well thought-out and perfectly coordinated



Overview of the Confair Next range (design: Wilkhahn). The designable, perfectly coordinated “toolbox” to encourage creative collaboration. Photo: Wilkhahn



Design for digital collaboration: The mobile Display Rack, electrically adjustable by 65 cm to heights suitable for sofas to sitting or standing height, monitor mount with multipurpose VESA mounting pattern (technology neutral). Connections and power supply options are concealed in the body. The power supply cable is up to seven meters long and comes with auto-rewind. Example of a design with a base frame coated black with a textured matte finish and frame, solid wood shelf and color-coordinated sound-absorbent fleece cover. Photo: Wilkhahn

Dimensions: Base frame 72 cm deep, dimensions of widths and heights depend on the monitor mounted, for example 121.5 cm - 223.5 cm high for a 75" monitor



For analog and digital media – a mobile Media Wall with monitor mount, shelf and rails for analog Liteboards with writing surfaces. Ports and power supply options are concealed in the body. The power supply cable is up to seven meters long and comes with auto-rewind. Two techni-stations with power connections, USB-C + USB-A charging sockets or HDMI ports and USB-C 3.1 are built into the frame. Example of a design with a base frame coated black with a textured matte finish, frame and rails, solid wood shelf and covered on both sides with color-coordinated sound-absorbent fleece. Photo: Wilkhahn

Dimensions: 72 cm x 160 cm x 195 cm (D x W x H)



For analog writing and pinboard surfaces: Mobile Mix whiteboard, core made of 4.5 cm thick sound-absorbent panel, front divided by a whiteboard for analog note-taking, shelf and matching sound-absorbent fleece, rear doubles as a whiteboard or acoustic wall panel with matching sound-absorbent fleece. Photo: Wilkhahn

Dimensions: 70 /140 cm x 193 cm (W x H)



For analog note-taking: Mobile whiteboard, core made of 2.5 cm thick sound-absorbent panel, with magnetic whiteboard on both sides. Photo: Wilkhahn

Dimensions: 61.5 cm x 70/140 cm x 193 cm (D x W x H)



For analog pinboards: Mobile acoustic wall panel, core made of 2.5 cm thick sound-absorbent panel, finished on both sides with anthracite sound-absorbent fleece, optionally covered to match the other Room Modules. Photo: Wilkhahn

Dimensions: 61.5 cm x 70/140 cm x 193 cm (D x W x H)



For analog objects and materials: Mobile shelving unit on casters with four shelves, optionally with bonded surfaces, covered with laminate or genuine wood veneer. Photo: Wilkhahn

Dimensions: 61.5 cm x 140 cm x 193 cm (D x W x H)



For analog collaboration: The mobile, foldable Board tables that nest into one another and can also be used to accommodate the 140 cm or 180 cm high and 63 cm wide Liteboards with writing surfaces. Photo: Wilkhahn

Dimensions: 79 cm x 79 cm x 105 cm (D x W x H)



Mobile lectern with oak-veneered wooden shelves and Power base for running laptops independently of wall power. Or a server with a shelf, open box and box with drawer and oak-veneer lid. Photo: Wilkhahn

Lectern: Dimensions 62 cm x 62 cm x 116 cm (D x W x H)

Server: Dimensions 67 cm x 62 cm x 110 cm (D x W x H)



For analog collaboration: The stools on casters, optionally with a writing tablet and hole on the surface plus added organizer pocket. Thanks to the nipple on the base frame, stools on casters with writing tablet can also be used as mobile mounts for Liteboards. Photo: Wilkhahn

Dimensions: 50 cm x 50 cm x 49 cm (D x W x H) without writing tablet



The Roomware, designed by Wilkhahn as part of the Future Office Dynamics research and development project for EXPO 2000, was the world's first range of room modules for collaboration between teams in different places. Back then, discreetly integrated, flexible, and intuitive technology was already considered essential to successful teamwork. And this was long before smart technologies, such as tablets and collaboration boards, had found their way into tech corporations' portfolios and become available for the masses. Photo: Wilkhahn



The Confair range (design: wiege, Fritz Frenkler, Justus Kolberg) with its Confair folding table, a legendary classic item of furniture (design: Andreas Störiko), became a new standard bearer three decades ago. It was the first pervasively designed, high-quality “toolbox” for proactive collaboration that people could configure themselves in innovation and change processes. Photo: Wilkhahn



Wilkhahn developed Confair Next to create “tools” for agile and hybrid collaboration and incorporate them seamlessly into the corporate world. And furnish spaces in a contemporary way to make teamwork successful. Photo: Wilkhahn

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