

Oracle, Milan

Collective of brands delivers on ergonomic and sustainable business goals.



While Oracle might be one of the world’s largest technology companies, it aims to operate with the ingenuity and agility of a start-up. As a company, it takes pride in the knowledge that its work, from hardware and software to cloud platforms and applications based on AI and other innovations, makes people’s lives better.

Enhancing the quality of life at work was the starting point for Oracle Italia in Milan when they began to explore the relocation of the existing office. Real Estate Senior Project Manager Massimo Avoletti explains the reasons for the move: “We wanted to create a new office space which was not only in a much more central and better-connected location but one that also embodied a more sustainable approach. In addition, we wanted to continue to attract and retain the best talent in the industry, and we know a thoughtfully designed office is key to this.”

Based in the heart of Milan’s new financial and technology district, Oracle Italia’s new office is the incredible Edifici Garibaldi Executive or ED.G.E building, which was transformed from its original 1972 building into a complex of three sections, each with its own character. “For us, the ED.G.E building was the perfect choice for our new office in Milan” Fabrizio Biestro, Facilities Manager Italy. “We loved the way the building had been created from an existing one, which is part of the sustainability message for the space. In addition, the building is LEED certified, so we can be confident it is a healthy and efficient green building. It also has a smaller environmental footprint than our old building, which is also very important to us.”

For the team at Oracle Italia, working with MillerKnoll also meant they could access products from across the collective’s whole portfolio. “Of course, the cost is always part of the decision, but in addition to this, we were impressed by the mix of solutions available through MillerKnoll, and the way we could combine the styles of different brands from one supplier” explains Fabrizio.

The team at the dealer in Milan, Comfort Office, were able to further support Oracle's sustainability goals by leveraging the MillerKnoll RePurpose programme. 400 classic Aeron Chairs from Oracle's original building were exchanged for new Aeron Chairs. But rather than throw away the old chairs, the RePurpose programme combines re-sale, recycling and donations to keep as much as 98 per cent of taken-back products out of landfill.

The new office at ED.G.E has brought about a change in the way the teams at Oracle Italia are able to work. Not only has it given them an eco-friendlier space, but it has also given them the opportunity to create settings which support more types of work. "We used to have a very traditional layout to the office" explains Massimo. "But when we began planning the move to the new building, even before the pandemic, we knew that we wanted to offer people more choice in where they worked." In addition to a gym, auditorium and library, the new office now offers staff at Oracle a range of settings to choose from, depending on the work they are doing.

For focused work Herman Miller's Aeron Chair has been paired with their Nevi Sit Stand Desk. Designed for the widest range of body types, Aeron is ergonomic to the core, thanks to the extensive research from designers Bill Stutz and Don Chadwick. The latest version of Aeron, used in the Oracle offices also includes ocean-bound plastic which further supports the business's environment aims. The height-adjustable Nevi Sit-Stand Desk brings movement to Oracle's workplace. Research shows that combining sitting and standing throughout the workday can increase focus and productivity.

Ergonomic support and movement are both themes which continue in other parts of the Oracle office. Sayl Stools are used to create places for short burst of focused group work, while Keyn Chairs, which offer responsive movement as the user shifts in their seat, have been used in meetings rooms throughout the building.



The Aeron Chair with ocean-bound plastic supports Oracle Italia's environmental aims.



Sayl Stools give ergonomic support for focused group work.



Every meeting room offers responsive movement for users thanks to the Keyn Chair Group.

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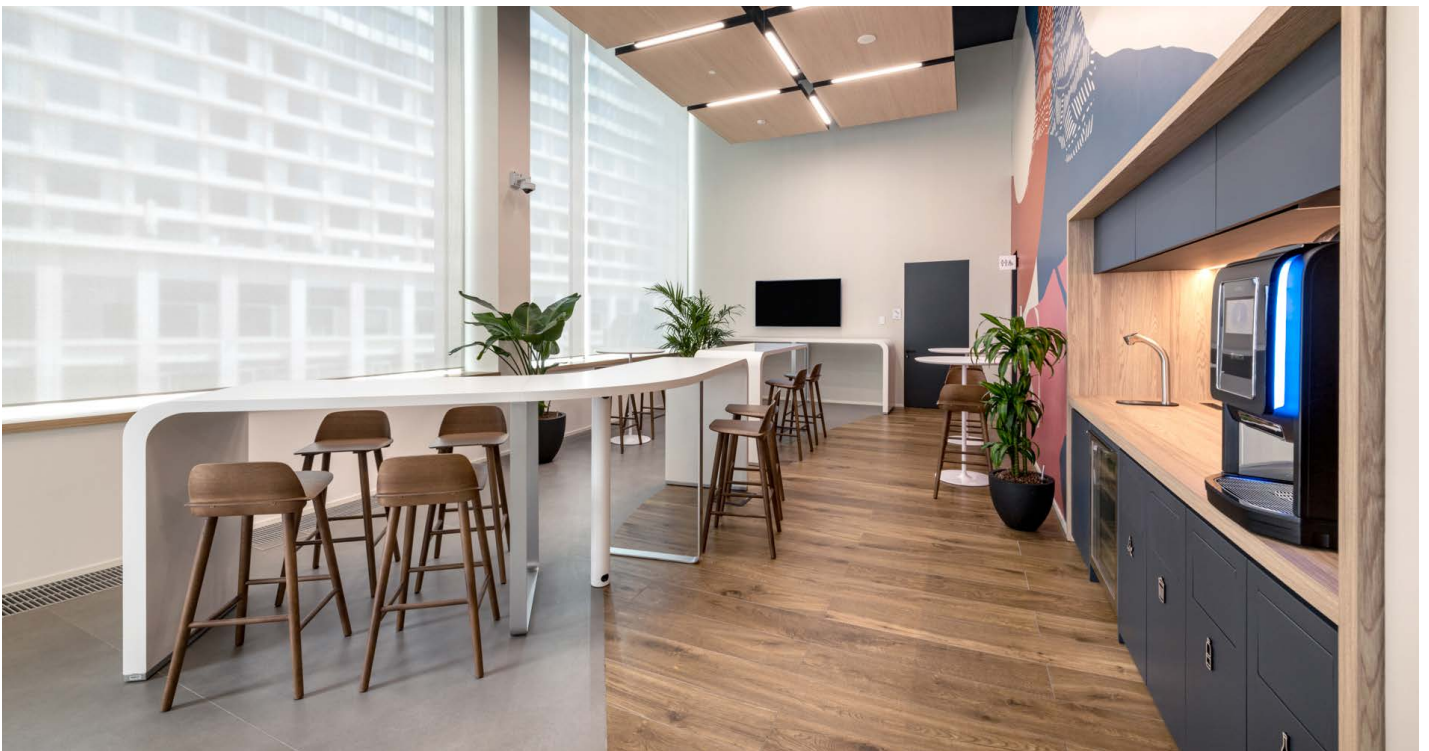
For more collaborative work, or simply to relax, NaughtOne's Always Lounge Chair, paired with HAY's Bella Coffee Table create warm, inviting spaces which also reflect the theme of each floor in the building through their varied fabrics and finishes.

Finally the Nerd Stool from Muuto brings a touch of contemporary Scandinavian design to the café spaces in the office. "We closely worked with colleagues from various Oracle lines of business when designing the space in the new office" Fabrizio explains. "We included a mock-up phase where people could try out different items of furniture, and their feedback was considered when final choices were made."

It is this kind of approach which links directly back to Oracle's goal to improve the lives of the people their own solutions and services connect with. And there are plans to continue this as the company settles into their new home. "We have already had excellent feedback from our colleagues about the new office," says Massimo. He continues "We will continue to informally gather data about the workspaces and review it in six months or so, which will help us see if there are any changes to be made to the layout. But for now, the response has been very positive."



NaughtOne's Always Lounge Chair and HAY's Bella Coffee Table create inviting spaces, with colours tailored to the theme of each floor.



Muuto's Nerd Stool brings contemporary Scandinavian design to the cafe spaces.



Left:
Focused work zones benefit from Sayl Stools.

Right:
Always Chairs bring comfort to small meeting spaces.



Products from across MillerKnoll's collective of brands share the floorplate.

Comfort Office worked with Oracle Italia to deliver this project.
The furniture from across the brands include:

Herman Miller

Aeron Chair
Keyn Chair Group
Nevi Sit-Stand Desk
Sayl Stool

NaughtOne

Always Lounge Chair
Trace Table

HAY

Bella Coffee Table

Muuto

Nerd Stool

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