Steelcase Forward
– the new Workspace Architecture

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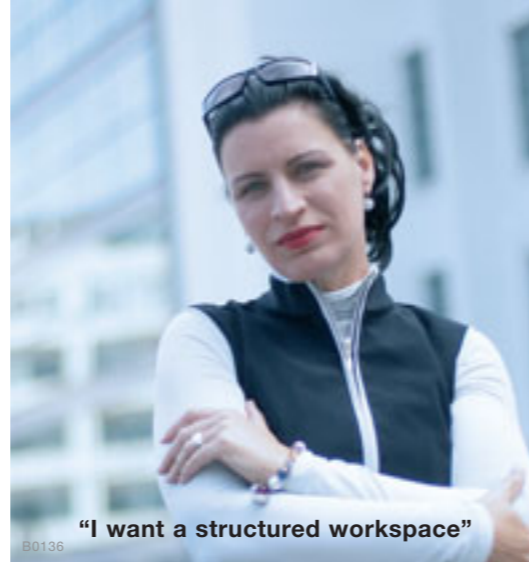
"I want a structured workspace"
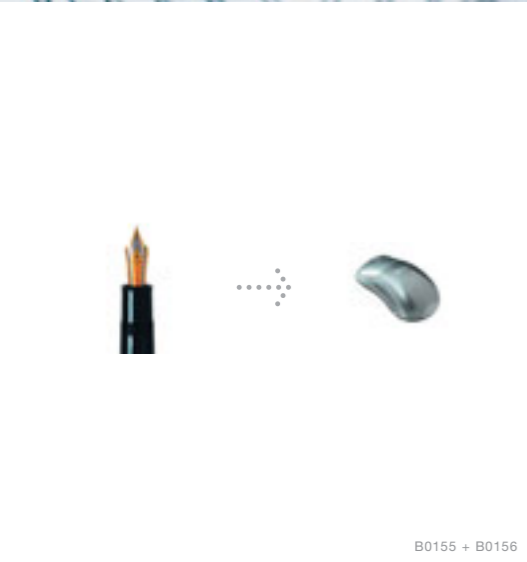B0136

"I want to control my space"

"I need to feel comfortable"
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"The place should inspire me"
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"I want to organise my work,
whenever and wherever"
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"I'm rarely at my desk"
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"I need a place for concentration"
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Time for a new workspace architecture – Introducing

Forward by Steelcase. Just 15 years ago, you had probably

never used a mobile phone. There was no laptop in your briefcase.

No palmtop in your pocket. No cordless connection. No access

to the World Wide Web. No way you could work anywhere

except at the office. Clearly, times have changed. But, whilst

technology has dramatically altered workstyles, lifestyles and

New *times*, *new* **technologies** *new* **workstyles...**

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organisational forms, the truth is that many of today's workplaces

are lagging behind. If we look at most **office buildings**, **office**

interiors and **office furniture systems**, we find that they were

designed for another era. In many cases they are struggling

to play catch-up – to offer people the same level of freedom

and mobility that they already enjoy in their personal lives –

but their structures are too complex and inflexible to cope with

changing demands. We believe **it's time for a radically new**

workspace architecture. It's time for **Steelcase Forward**.

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... *new* **workplaces**

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"Steelcase is passionate about understanding user needs, evolving work models and work processes"
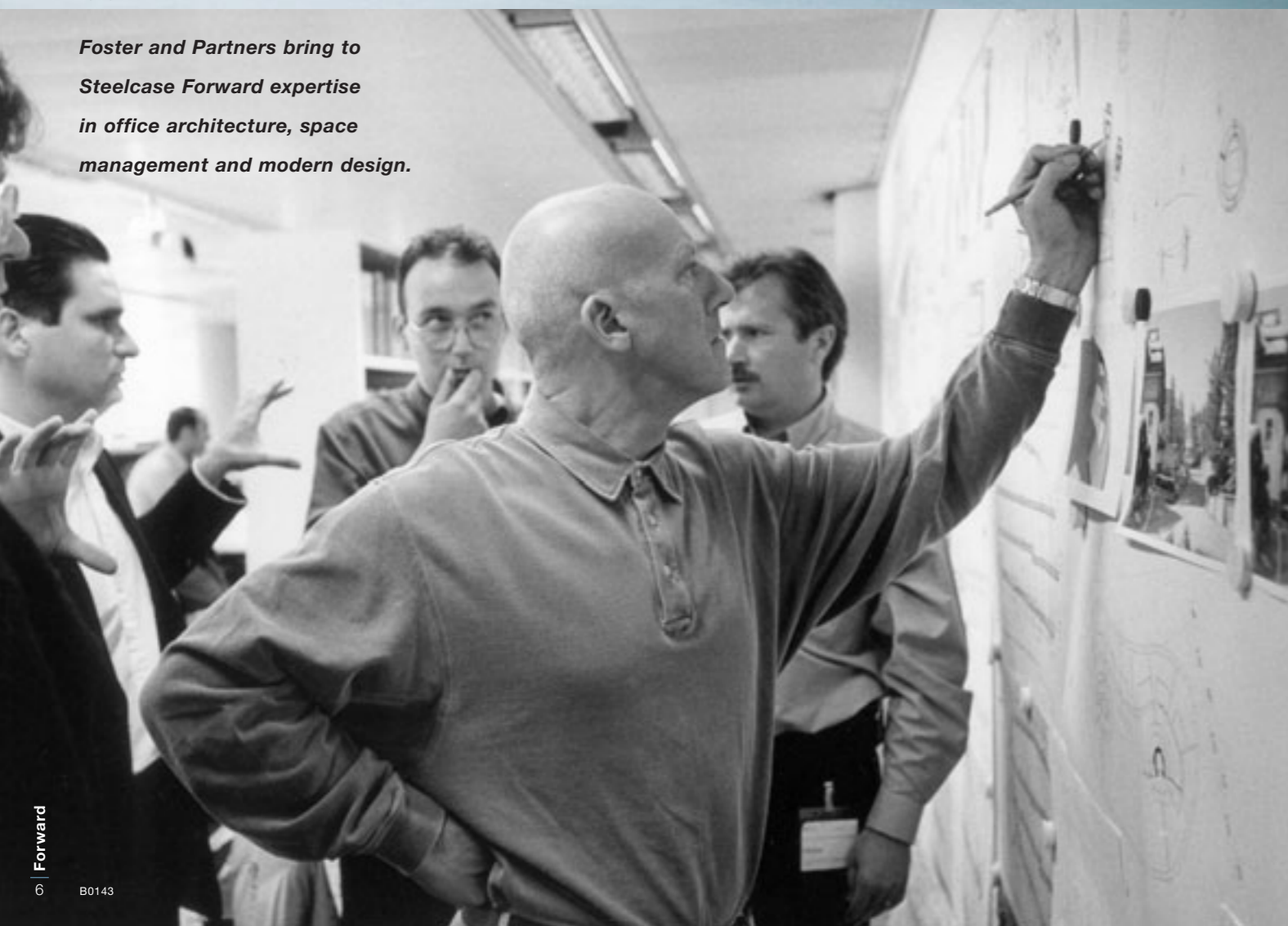
John Small, Foster and Partners

Steelcase Forward

Foster and Partners bring to Steelcase Forward expertise in office architecture, space management and modern design.

Workspace Architecture

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Structure

At the heart of Steelcase Forward is a structural element called the **'bridge'**. This unit is the basic element of the system, around which everything else is configured. The 'bridge' structures the space in all the different planning options.

The post and beam configurations support collaborative situations, creating ideal settings for tasking, teaming, and in-between.
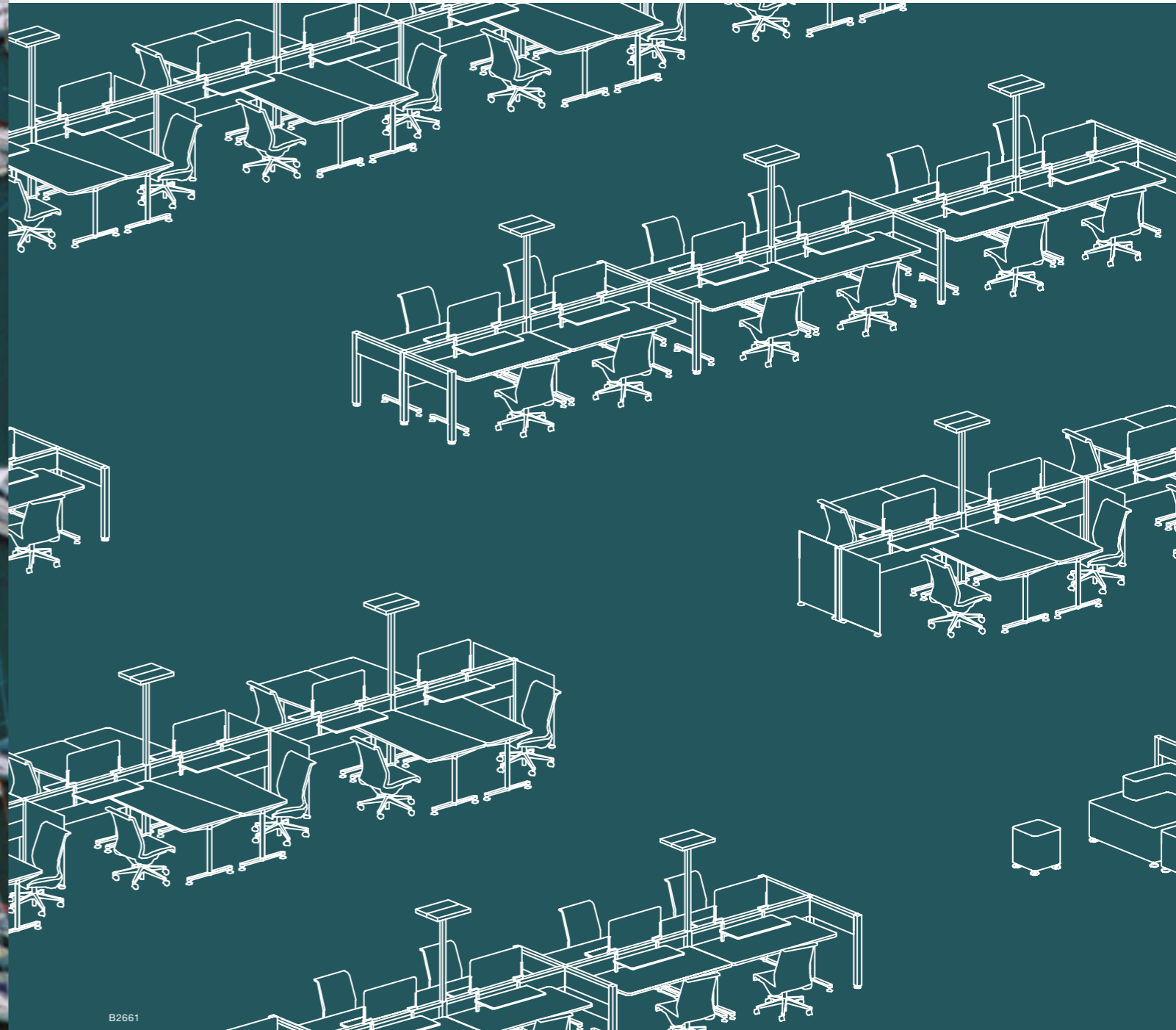
Freedom

The **'bridge'** becomes the functional aspect of the traditional desk by accommodating the telephone, computer, accessories, and power and data connection cables. **Adjustable workshelves** free up the desk, so that it becomes what we simply call a 'table'. By using a fixed 'bridge' and movable 'tables' system, Forward **allows users to quickly reconfigure their personal space.** The table is easily moved for an impromptu meeting, and returned to the bridge for individual tasks. The bridge puts all tools and connections within easy reach, provides territorial and visual privacy, and maintains accessibility for colleagues.

This loosely-structured environment creates a culture of freedom and mobility in the office.

Your position, your workstyle

With Forward, it's easy to organise the space for the way you feel most comfortable and the way you want to work. The Bridge gives you instant user-level access to power and data, allowing you to take advantage of new, more mobile workstyles. Simply adjust the worshelf, table, lighting, accessories and screens to your preferred **position and workstyle**, and start working. By adjusting the sliding screens, flat-screen monitor and table position, you can switch effortlessly between different work-styles, balancing the amount of privacy or contact you need at any given time.

Enhancing your personal well-being

The Forward Post and Beam structure can interface with lighting in order to offer a **greater comfort for an individual or team workstation**. Steelcase collaborated with Regent, Waldmann and Spectral companies to create a range of lighting accessories and connection points, which can be ordered directly from the respective companies.
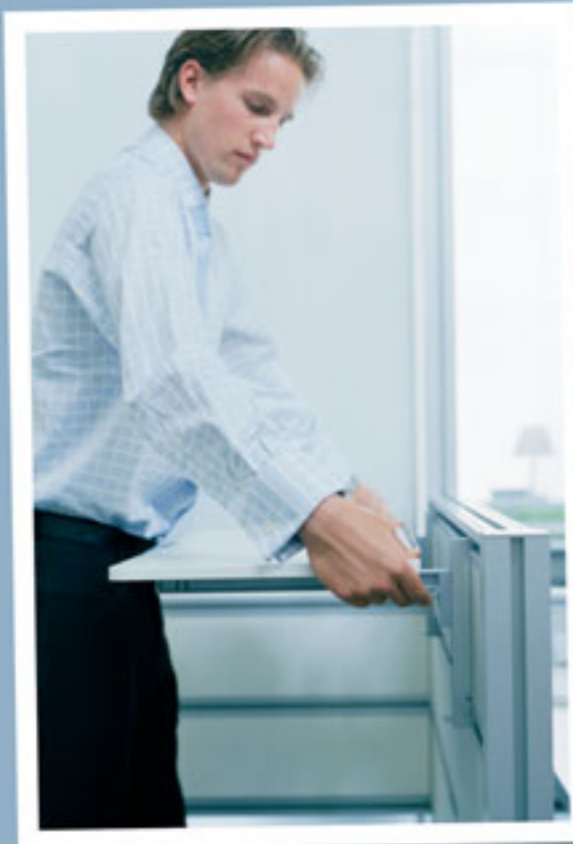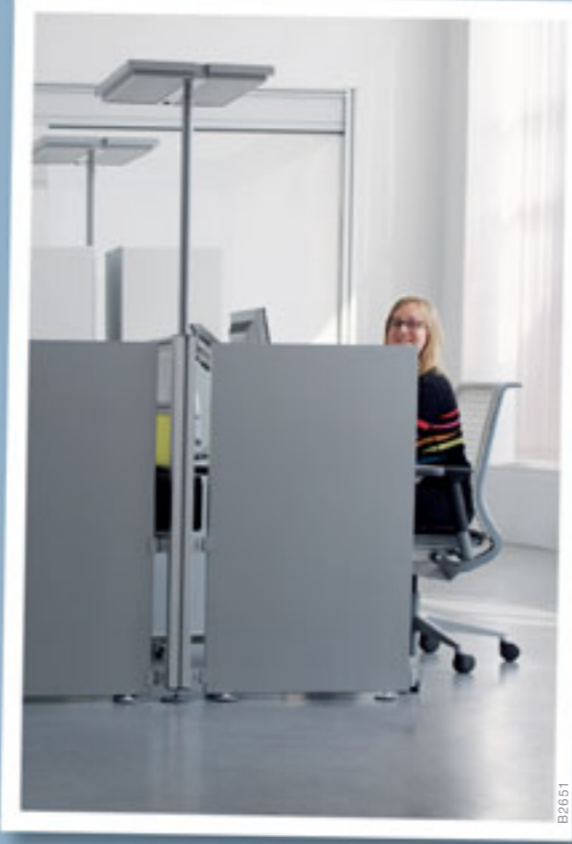
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Post returns

Stabilise and divide your space with Forward's Post returns, so you control your privacy.

Sliding screens

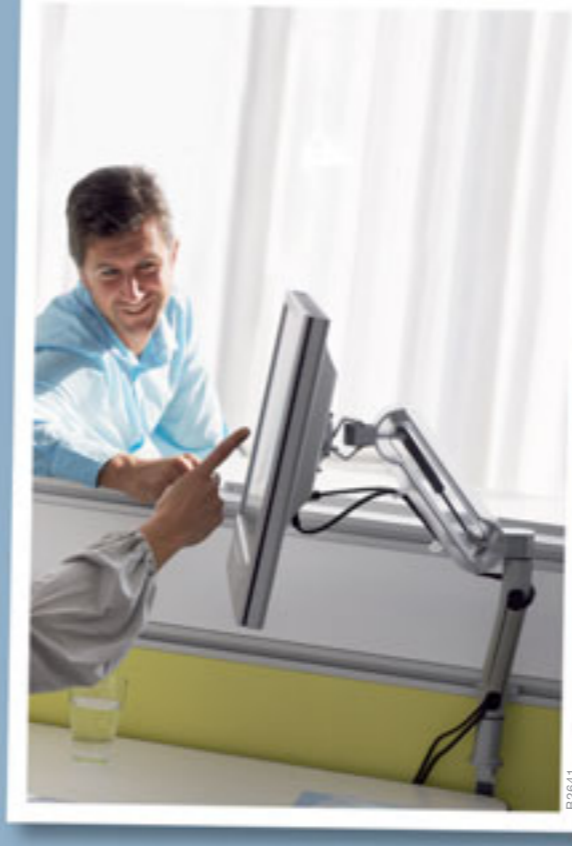Balance your privacy needs by sliding the screen to the desired position.

Easy adjustment

It only takes a few moments to adjust your table and workshelf to the way you want to work.

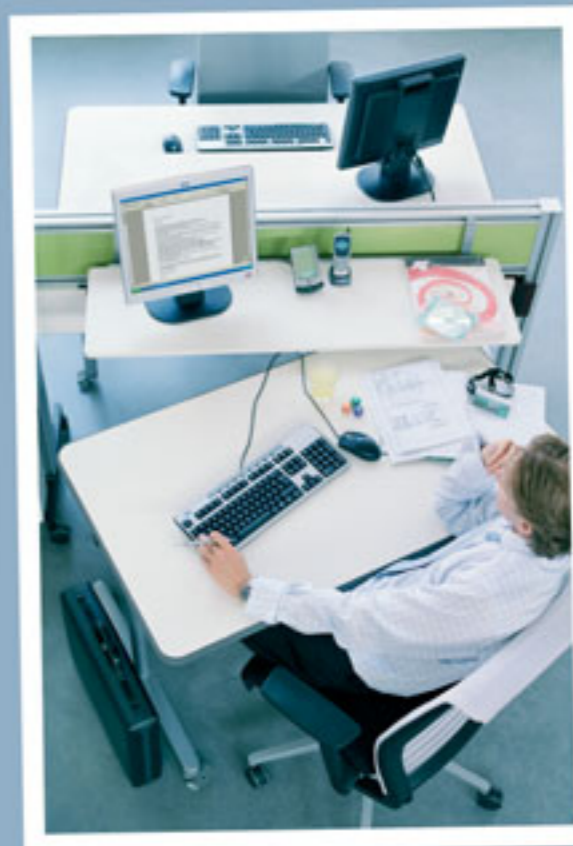**Visible information**

Writable screens and post and beam infill panels allow you to scribble notes or leave messages for colleagues.

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Interactive workshelf

At Welcome areas or at the desk, for exchanging information on the go.

A clean, mobile desk

The bridge accommodates all technology, so the table is kept free of cables and clutter, and can simply be moved to switch between workstyles (e.g. from concentration to interaction) or to suit your personal preferences.

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Easy plug and play at user level

Steelcase Connecting Hub provides instant connection to power and communication networks.

Share information

Reposition the flat screen to share information with others (Forward Arm by Worktools).

My space can also become our space

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Forward enables people to **switch instantly from individual to collaborative work**. Tables can simply be turned away from the bridge and brought together at any time to create teaming spaces.

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Forward can provide **dedicated settings for larger meetings**.

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Forward can also create spaces for **impromptu or in-between meetings**.
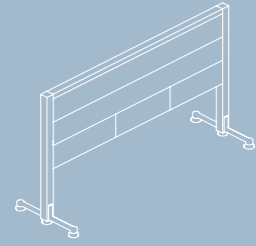
Great **people** demand
inspiring workspaces

You cannot get great ideas

in an ordinary office, you need

an inspiration office.

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A better **workplace** *makes you more* **successful**

Anything is possible with the right tools. A better workplace boosts your company's performance
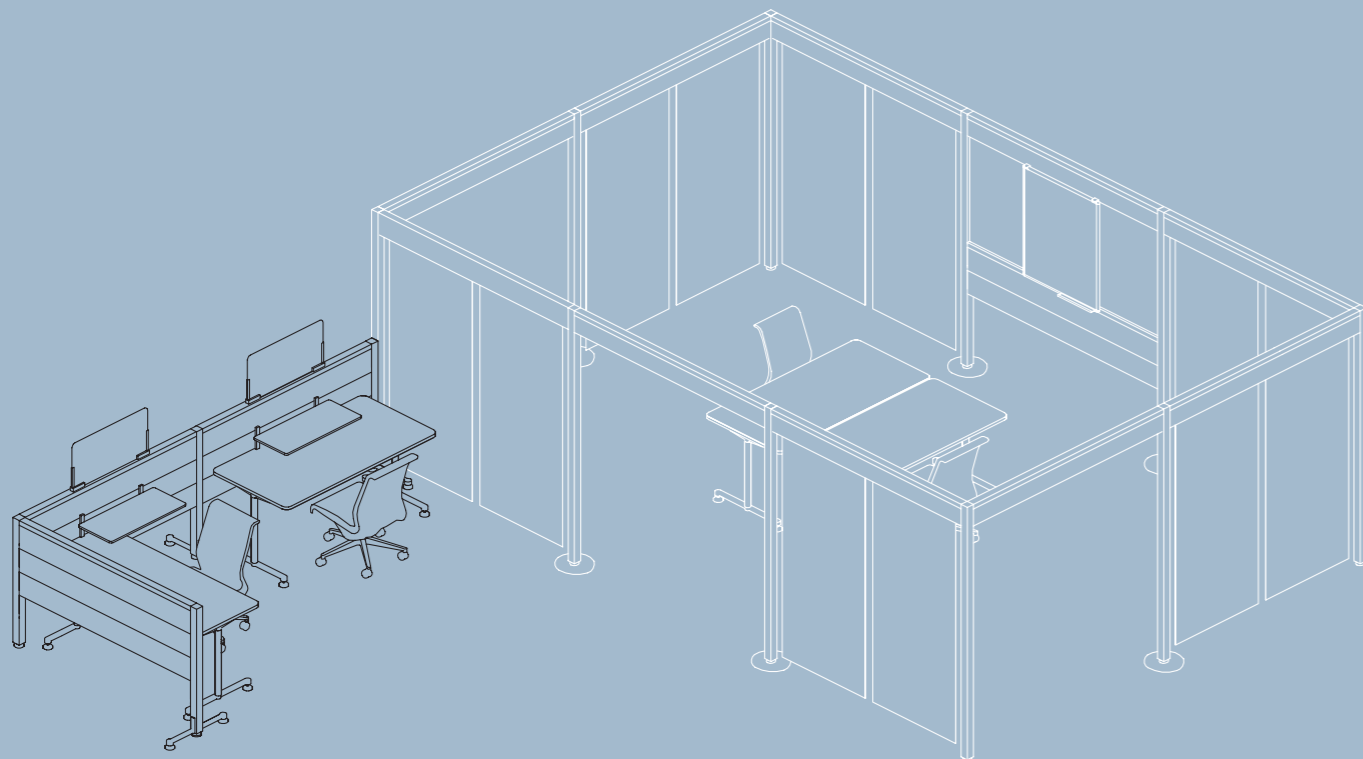
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Forward is easy to upgrade thanks to the 'addition logic' of the system, and its range of components. Any setting can be tailor-made **to fit current needs** and subsequently upgraded as these needs evolve.

Start with the **Bridge**
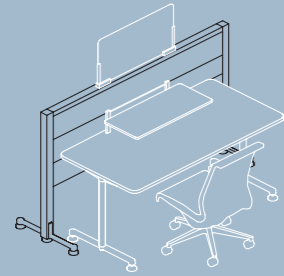
Easily **add a table**, a **shelf**, a **screen** and **accessories**
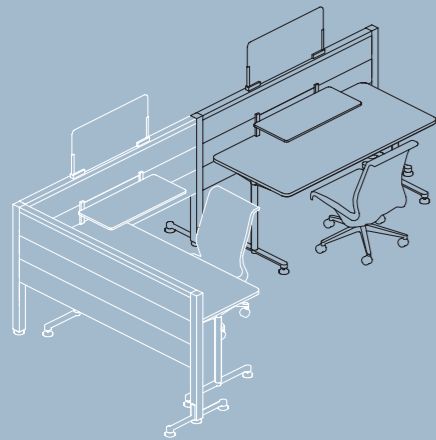
Create a real workspace with **two extra bridges** and an **additional table**

Add a complete workspace with the use of Forwards unique system of **Posts and Beams**

Forward is also independent from the building structure, making it **easier to install and reconfigure** than traditional workspace solutions.
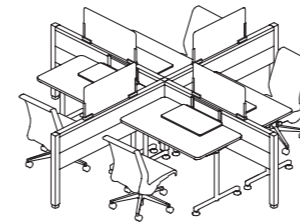
Installation = 32 minutes
4 Bridges + 4 tables + 4 workshelves
(incl. unpacking and 2 fitters)

Reconfiguration = 15 minutes
4 Bridges + 4 tables + 4 workshelves
(using 2 fitters)

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Various possibilities

Forward's highly flexible workspace concept allows planners to **create diverse work settings**, from one individual workstation through to several workstations for a team. Organisations can therefore **support various workstyles** – tasking, teaming and in-between – using just one, versatile furniture range.
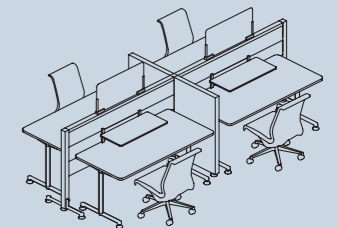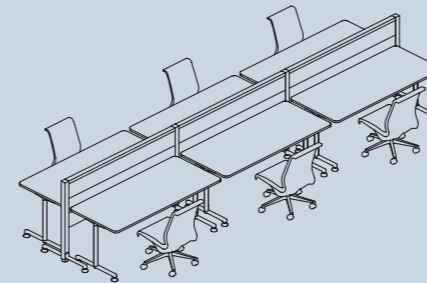
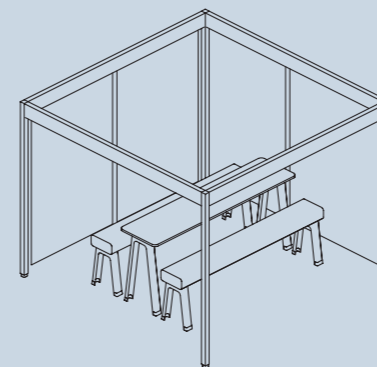**Individual** tasking application
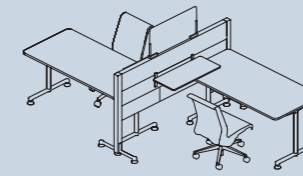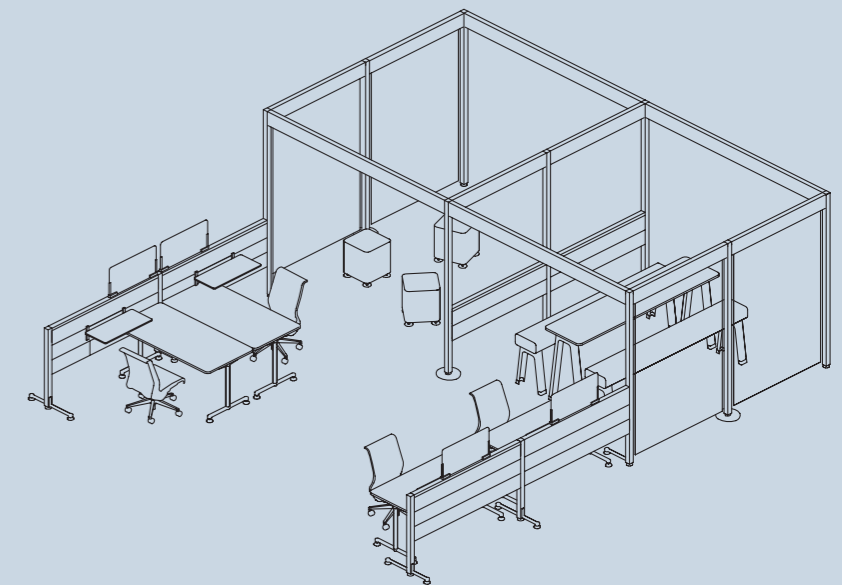
2 person tasking application

Call centre

4 person tasking application
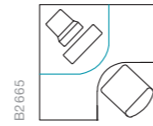
Touch and go

In-between spaces

Small project team
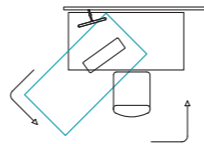
Intensify the use of space
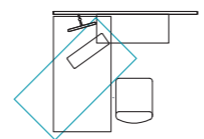
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Traditional workstation

Corner top, screen and fixed workstation.

Forward workstation with Forward Arm fixed to the Bridge

35% **space saving** of the footprint.

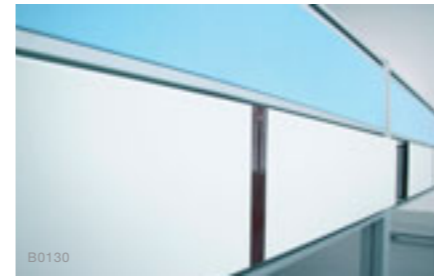The worksurface stays the same, but becomes mobile.

Forward workstation with Workshelf on the Bridge

Keep the same footprint yet increases the **worksurface available to the user by:**

30%

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Cables can be easily channelled in and out thanks to the **opening covers**.

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User level **plug and play** (e.g. Steelcase Connecting Hub by Worktools).

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Cables can be routed from the **technical level up to the user** (frequent intervals with soft edges to avoid cable pinching).

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Cables go past the post behind **sliding covers**, whatever the angle and the cable routing.
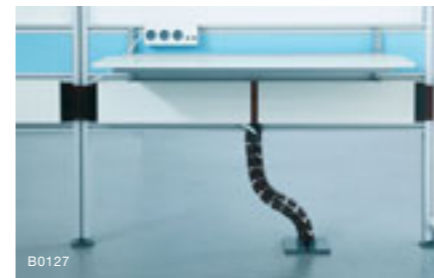
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Trees to **segregate** power and data.

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Cable **sliding covers** (closed).

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Various length vertebrae help to **route cables** from the floor to the bridge.
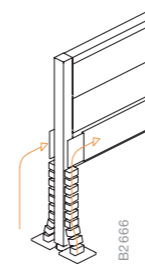
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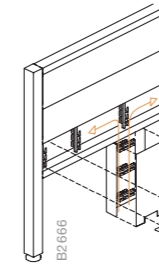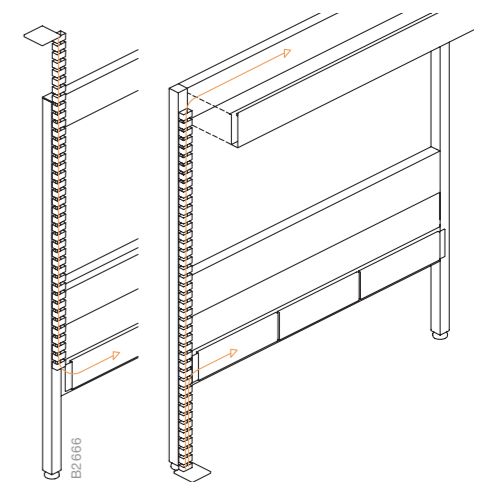Large cable riser to route the cables from the **floor to the Bridge**.

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Beam cable management to route the cables **horizontally on the Post and Beam**.

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Capacity of vertebrae
6 power (Ø 7mm)
12 data (Ø 5mm)

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Capacity of large cable raiser
12 power (Ø 7mm)
24 data (Ø 5mm)

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Capacity of the beam cable management
20 power (Ø 7mm)
25 data (Ø 5mm)

Forward allows the creation of spaces that simultaneously support different activities and workstyles. Balancing individual and collaborative work in the same footprint reduces the need for designated meeting rooms. The traditional functions of the desk are fixed to the Bridge, creating an **optimal use of the available square metres**.

Cable management without a raised floor. Forward works as an integral part of cable distribution networks. The system can adapt to power and data systems **in raised floors, suspended ceilings or perimeters**. And also, because Forward is independant of the structure, it works in all types of buildings as a secondary grid, freeing the desk from the infrastructure and **can replace a raised floor**.
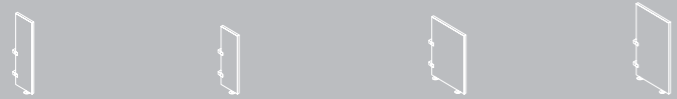
Statement of line

Screen
Bridge
Worktelf
Cable management
Table

Beam
Post
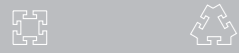
Bridge

The **Bridge Posts** come in 90° and 120° space planning shapes.

The **bridge** comes in the following widths: 800, 1000, 1200, 1400, 1600, 1800, 2000, 2200 and 2400 mm.
Heights: 900 or 1100 mm. *Option:* white board ribbon (upper ribbon only) and cable management ribbon (lower ribbon only).
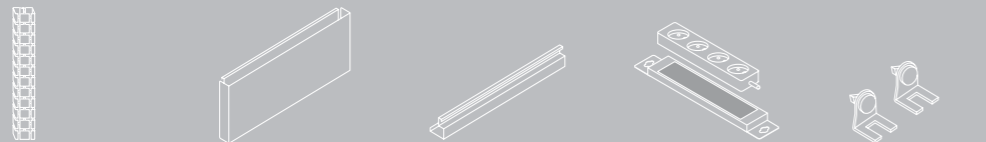
The **post returns** come in two heights 900 and 1100 mm and two depths 350 and 700 mm.
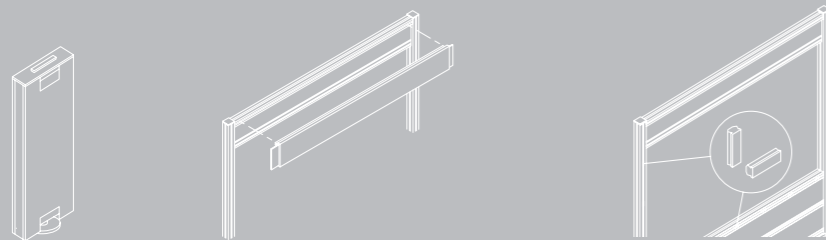
Stabilisation plate

Cable management

The vertebrae
comes in 3 lengths:
3 m, 1,5 m and 0,6 m.

The cable box
is supported
by the bridge.

The cable holder tray
is fixed to all workshelf
lengths: 600 mm
to 1600 mm.

**Internal universal
Socket interface**
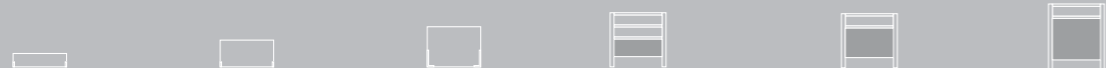
**External universal
Socket interface**

Large cable riser

Beam cable management comes
in the beam from 1600 mm to 3000 mm.

**Beam cable duct**
(pack of 20 units)

Screen

The Screens come in the following widths: 400, 600, 800 and 1000mm.
Heights: 200, 400mm, finishing options are translucent, whiteboard
or fabric. Height 600mm, finishes are translucent or whiteboard.

Within the screen range are the **modesty panels**, which are placed under the lower ribbon of the
bridge or the Post & Beam integrated ribbon.
Widths: 800, 1000, 1200, 1400, 1600, 1800, 2000, 2200 or 2400 mm. Heights: 300, 500 or 700 mm.

Worksshelves
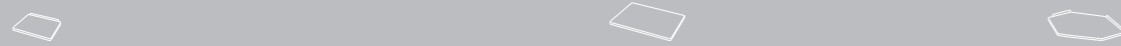
Rectangular workshelves (positioned on the side of the bridge)
Depth: 350 mm. Widths: 400, 600, 800, 1000 and 1200 mm.
These shelves can be adjusted by the user or facility manager.
Worksshelves of 1400 and 1600 mm can only be adjusted by facility
managers.

Rectangular interactive workshelves
(positioned on the top of the bridge).
Depth: 500 mm. Widths: 800, 1000, 1200,
1400 and 1600 mm.

90° and 120° workshelves
Depth: 350 mm. Two height adjustment
solutions: for adjustment by the user or
facility manager.

Tables

T-Leg with castors or glides come in two aesthetics
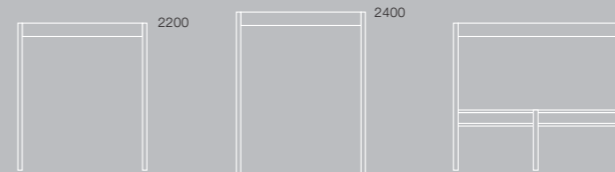(standard or executive). *Optional height adjustment feature.*

4-Leg with castors or glides.
Optional height adjustment feature.

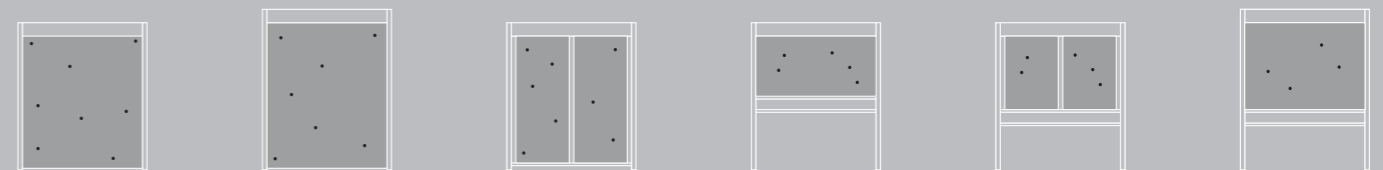| Top shapes		1000	1200	1400	1600	1800	2000
Rectangle	700		■	■	■	■	■
	800		■	■	■	■	
Pint	900 x 700	■	■	■	■	■	
Optima Gen 2*	1000 x 800		■ ■	■ ■	■ ■		
Corner	1200 x 800		■ ■	■ ■	■ ■		
Corner (symmetric)	800	■	■	■			
Symmetrical Pentagon 120°	700	■ ■					
	800	■ ■					

* only with 4-legs

Post and Beam

Posts are 2200 mm or 2400 mm high.
Beams are 1600, 1800, 2000, 2200, 2400, 2600, 2800 and 3000 mm wide
and 1665, 1865, 2065, 2265, 2465, 2665, 2865 and 3065 mm wide.
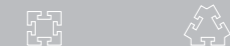
Posts come in 90° and 120°.

Post and Beam in-fills in light transparent fabric
For floor to beam heights, in-fills are 2000 or 2200 mm high. For panel widths 1600/1665,
the panel comes as one piece, for all other widths the panel is in two pieces.

Post and Beam in-fills in light transparent fabric
For ribbon to beam heights, in-fills are 900, 1100 or 1300 mm high.

White board in-fills: 900, 1100 or 1300 mm in height (only with integrated ribbon).

Sustainability
To convey clear and transparent information about the
environmental performance of Forward during its entire
life cycle, Steelcase provides an **Environmental Product
Declaration (EPD)** based on the life cycle assessment.

Move **Forward**

Isn't it time your organization moved forward? We'd be delighted to talk to you informally about a more flexible workspace architecture that supports new ways of working. **Why not call us today?**