

Anticipating potential growth, ZENBER ARCHITECTEN emphasises sustainability, health and activity-oriented flexibility in the office of NAVIGANT

RIGHT The core of Navigant's office floor is clad with FSC-certified solid oak beams.

OPPOSITE PAGE A wooden canopy around the space's core adds depth to various focused work areas.



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BELOW Zenber optimised the panoramic view on all sides of the building, and ensured interaction, promoting transparency throughout.

OPPOSITE PAGE Inspired by the building's WELL and BREEAM certification, the designers ramped up air, light and acoustic quality, and promoted physical activity to maximise staff wellbeing.

NEXT SPREAD Emphasising interaction, the team created a dynamic work café where colleagues can gather, collaborate, and nourish themselves.

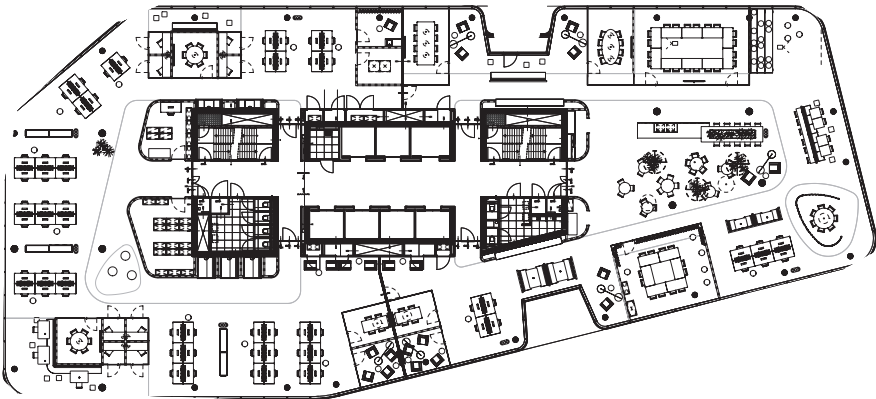
UTRECHT — Making the most efficient use of a 2000-m² floor plan, Zenber envisioned a variety of multifunctional areas for the offices of American energy and sustainability consultancy Navigant. From a buzzing work café, concentration zones, and brainstorming rooms to collaboration spaces and a yoga studio, the architects eschewed fixed workstations and anticipated future growth, designing flexibility into the layout.

On arrival, staff pass through the work café, featuring a bar and a range of seating beneath ‘hanging gardens’. Further inside, open areas alternate with spaces for meetings and focused work. Transparency and open sightlines democratise the panoramic views and ensure that colleagues can connect visually. Anchored to a dynamic, sloping façade and flared canopy made of FSC-certified solid oak vertical beams, the floor’s core is surrounded with work and support areas: archives, copy centre, storage, galley kitchens, lockers and Skype alcoves.

Visually and philosophically harmonious with the architecture of the new WELL and BREEAM-certified World Trade Centre, where it is located, Navigant’s office floor promotes collaboration and interaction. Sustainable materials, coupled with a thoughtful organisation of space, help foster the wellbeing of both employee and world.



PLAN Around the space's core, open, flexible worktops alternate with cabinets and greenery, small meeting rooms and concentration spaces.



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