

WORKING IT

WITH MANY OF US WORKING OUTSIDE THE TRADITIONAL CONFINES OF A “NINE-TO-FIVE” ENVIRONMENT, WE LOOK AT DESIGN-DRIVEN CO-WORKING SPACES AROUND THE WORLD THAT ENGAGE AND INSPIRE

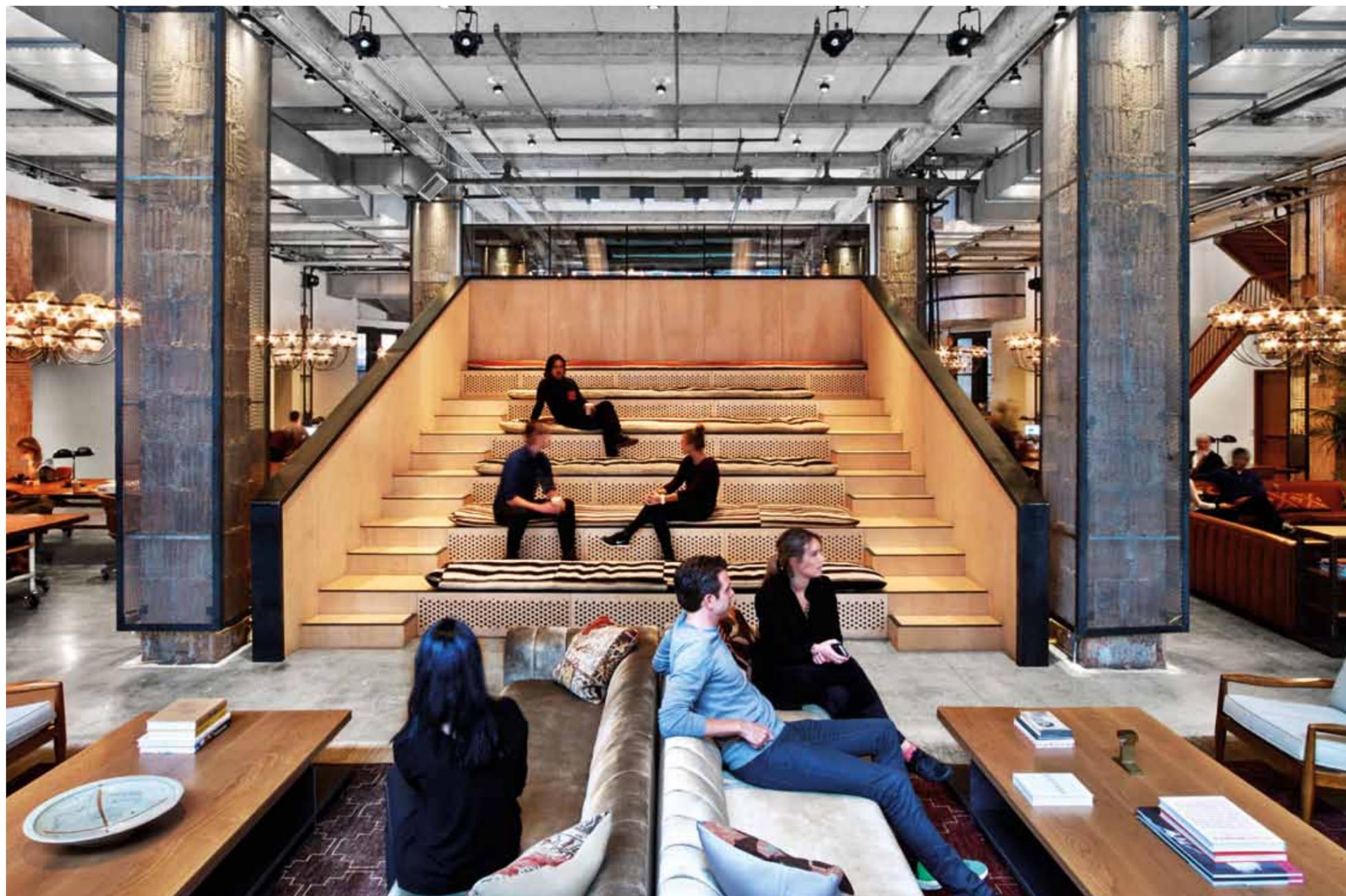
細看全球各地一改傳統辦公室朝九晚五生活的工作環境

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NEUEHOUSE NEW YORK

New York has plenty of ultra chic co-working spaces and Neuehouse, with its discreet private members' club vibe, stands out from the lot. Designed by the Rockwell Group, this former auction house is spread over five floors and 50,000sqft, with its sweeping central “Spanish Stairs” acting as a focal point used for both casual meetings as well as seating for presentations. It's no surprise that it appeals to the creative industry – with its own screening room, broadcasting and recording facilities, library, art collection and cultural programme to match. Further locations are slated to open in Los Angeles and London soon.

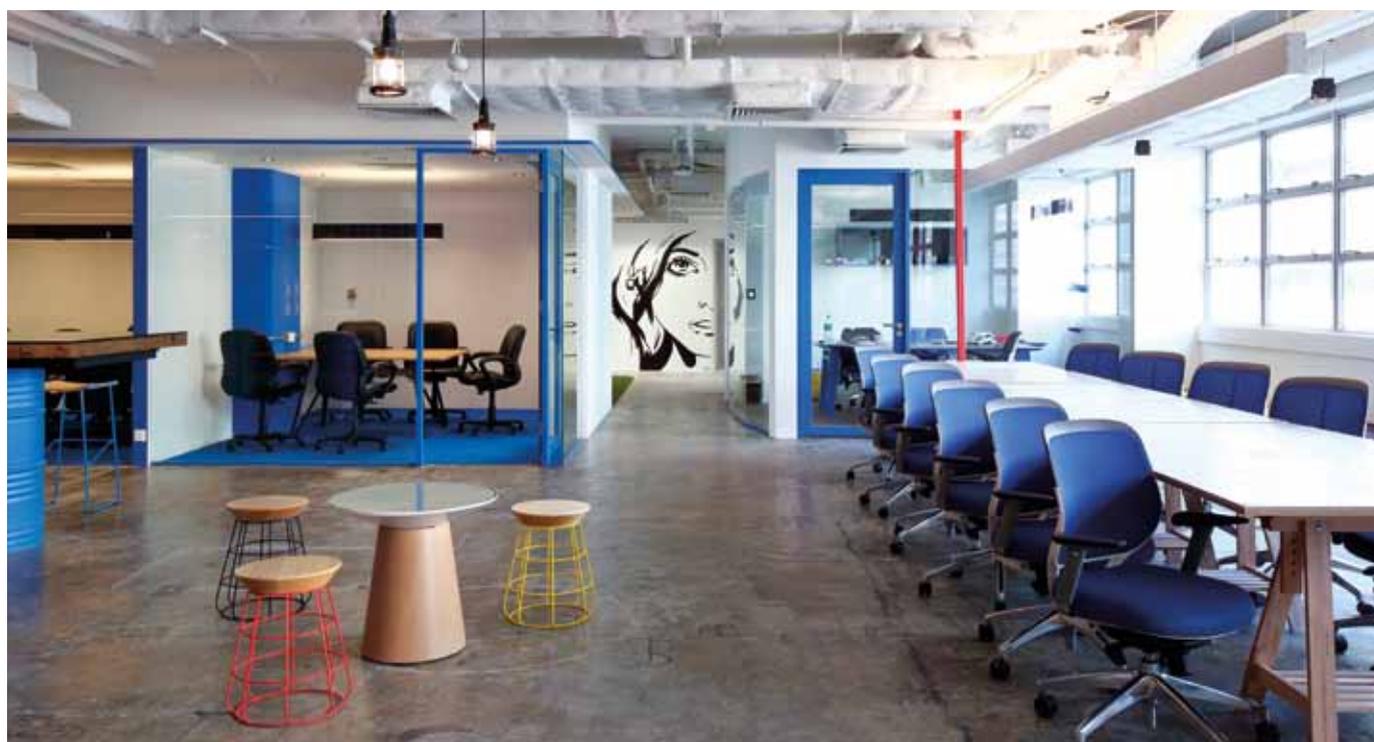
紐約擁有大量充滿時尚氣息的工作空間——別具隱世私人會議格調的Neuehouse更鶴立雞群。這個前拍賣行由Rockwell Group負責設計，樓佔超過5層空間，並擁50,000平方呎面積。中央的西班牙廣場式階梯屬焦點所在，既可用作普通會議使用，又可坐下作簡報。擁有自家放映室、廣播和錄音設施、圖書館、藝術收藏和文化活動配合，難怪Neuehouse能成功吸引創意業界。更多分址將於洛杉磯和倫敦陸續開幕。neuehouse.com



BLUEPRINT HONG KONG

Forget corporate co-working spaces – this two-floor space in Quarry Bay has personality to spare. Developed by Swire Properties to repurpose over 20,000sqft of unused office space and aimed at tech-focused start-ups, this is an informal working environment designed to spark creativity and collaboration. Inspired by its original warehouse building, PDM International ingeniously left traces of the building process exposed to highlight its evolution. Cool recycled materials also come to the fore in the form of a discarded shipping container that's become a team meeting room and seats from decommissioned Cathay Pacific planes that have found new life in the café-lounge area.

忘記企業協作室吧——這個鯽魚涌兩層高空間散放著源源不絕的個性。項目由太古地產負責，為超過20,000平方呎不被善用的辦公空間重新賦予功能，引發無限創造力和合作火花。PDM International的靈感源自原建倉庫大廈，並留下大廈進展過程的痕跡，突顯其改進變遷。循環物料也是一大亮點，團隊會議室便以棄置的運送盒製作，座椅也從退役的國泰航機中取得，舊物紛紛在咖啡室中重獲新生。blueprint.swireproperties.com



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URBAN STATION BUENOS AIRES

Tapping into South America's burgeoning entrepreneurial scene, Urban Station provides mobile workers offices around the region with locations in Chile, Colombia, Mexico and more. Their Argentinian flagship lies in the heart of the trendy Palermo Soho neighbourhood, with a space that combines cool office and cosy coffee shop. The design is a collaborative effort by a number of design studios led by Urban Station creative director Juan Pablo Russo, resulting in a distinctively bright and laid-back feel. All their branches feature colourful lounge areas stocked with the latest publications, a café with unlimited drinks and snacks, and even bicycles for hire.

走進南美洲新興企業界，Urban Station為流動工作者人設計出環球辦公室網絡，包括智利、哥倫比亞和墨西哥等。他們的阿根廷總公司就在時尚的Palermo Soho區，結合辦公空間和舒適咖啡店。多間設計工作室協同合作，並由Urban Station創作總監Juan Pablo Russo打造，成就出與別不同的鮮明趣味裝潢，所有分址均配備色彩繽紛的休息區和最新出品，咖啡店供應無限量飲品和零食，並附單車出租服務。enjoyurbanstation.com



WE WORK SOUTH BANK LONDON

Part of the wider “We Work” network originally founded in New York, this co-working space at Sea Containers House near Blackfriars Bridge provides unparalleled facilities to start-ups with a strong aesthetic edge. Covering four floors, larger spaces feature stripped plank floorboards – a small nod to South Bank’s maritime history – while breakout areas are defined by bold retro prints. Natural wood abounds throughout the building, with some of the larger communal spaces furnished with reclaimed timber benches and tables, whilst rope-netted ceiling globes underscore the subtle nautical theme.

「We Work」部分網絡原創於紐約，這處位於Sea Containers House的南灣合作空間就近Blackfriars Bridge，為新進人才提供無可比擬的前衛空間和設施。樓高四層，較大的共用空間選用間紋木地板，向南灣的海事歷史致敬，突出的地方則以復古印花地墊和牆紙劃分範圍。天然木材圍繞整座大樓，部分較大共用空間則加上回收長椅和桌子，而天花以繩連成網狀的球體便完美符合低調的航海主題。 wework.com



BETAHAUS BERLIN

Trailblazing Betahaus was an early adopter of the shared office movement, setting up in a vast 32,300 sqft former warehouse in Berlin's artsy Kreuzberg suburb back in 2009. It's also one of its largest in Germany, offering both hot desk and "making" spaces (think: woodworking studios and a technology lab). Betahaus' open-plan interior marries the practical with the comfortable, with polished concrete flooring filled with well-worn armchairs and rustic wooden benches. It also has a solar-powered air compressor for inflating bike tyres and a large 3D printer in the central hall, whilst its café features a mezzanine platform that doubles as a seating area for presentations.

創新的Betahaus是共用辦公運動的先驅，早在2009年建於柏林滿有藝術氣息的Kreuzberg郊區、達32,300平方呎的前倉庫中。作為德國早期共用工作室之一，Betahaus提供辦公和製作空間(木作和科技實驗)。開放式室內裝潢揉合功能與舒適，拋光混凝土地板加上「陳舊得宜」的扶手椅和田園式木長椅，以及智能科技，如供單車車胎充氣用的太陽能空氣壓縮機和中心大堂的大型3D打印機，咖啡室則帶來簡約的木中層平台，簡報時又可提供安坐位置。 betahaus.com

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