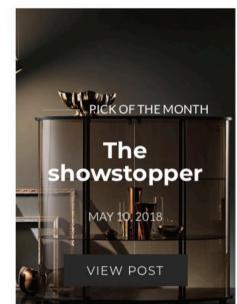
The multi-generational workforce and mainly the millennial generation is the big influence of reshaping the workplace designs in the UAE. By 2020, millennials will form 50% of the global workforce and the UAE is the top emerging market destination for young professionals looking to further their careers. "This millennial generation who are formed of an ambitious group of employees with a high interest in technology require the different working styles and preferences. They place much higher value on the office environment and workplace culture. Designers, architects and workspace experts have started to introduce these principles into their projects to increase user satisfaction and productivity," feels Dietrich. Dietrich plans to expand in the GCC area as well. He further adds, "Ours is a Germany based company, we have started our business in the European market. The GCC area is a growing market when it comes to creating office designs that engage sustainability, wellbeing and employee engagement. Next to our expansion in the European market, our aim is to further establish our business in the GCC area."

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