# Is your workplace green and productive?

You can measure it – really









# Want productivity? Then go Green. Sin ple



#### by Donna Kelly

4 December 2012 — A whopping 92 per cent of workers said their productivity was down thanks to the workplace itself, with workplaces contributing to headaches, fatigue, eyestrain and general adverse health effects, a survey has found.

The survey, Sustainability in the Workplace, of 1051 Australians, mostly office workers, was done to help



organisations gain an understanding of workplace attitudes to sustainability and how to promote positive behavioural change.



### There are many factors that contribute – or detract from productivity!

A study\* of 32,000 employees worldwide found that almost half admitted to performing "below par" and not being as fully engaged as they could be. Two reasons were given.



http://www.towerswatson.com/assets/pdf/2012-Towers-Watson-Global-Workforce-Study.pdf



### 1 – Leadership style (internal support, resources and tools)







2. Workplace environment (one that is not energizing and that does nothing to promote physical, emotional and social well-being)





# What problem does G+P solve?

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Companies also want to be seen as green.



Top 10 Trends Impacting the Future of Facility Management for 2014 \*

"Facility managers today are expected to understand their company's core business and contribute to the bottom line — not only by reducing facility costs, but also by improving the productivity and image of their organizations."

\* http://www.ifma.org/news/what's-new-at-ifma/what's-new-at-ifma-details/2011/05/03/top-10-fm-trends



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Field studies linking "green" and "productive"

Green	Productivity
Improved acoustics	+ 6%
Improved lighting, daylighting and views	+ 5.5%
Improved thermal comfort and ventilation	+ 5%
Reduced stress from commuting	+ 11.5% working days/FTE
Improved ergonomics and privacy	+ 6%
Green workplaces vs. non-green	+ 16%
Green bank branches vs. non-green	+ 460K revenue/FTE





# Towers Watson Global Workforce Study

Engagement at Risk, Driving Strong Performance in a Volatile Environment 2012



http://www.cgma.org/magazine/news/pages/20149559.aspx



# G+P's working definition of "green"

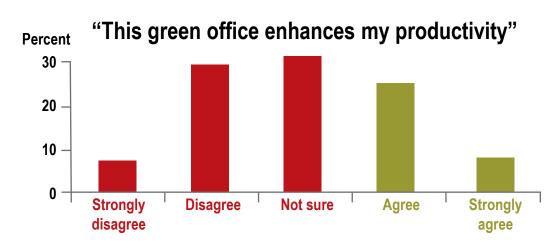
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- Water
- Pollution (air, land, water)
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- Waste

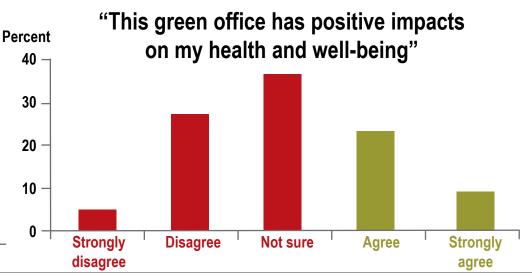




A user perception survey\* of occupants in green buildings found that while a green workplace is a great place to be, there is often a discrepancy between the views of management who see greater benefits of the green workplace than their employees.

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\*http://www.gbca.org.au/uploads/PERFORMANCE\_AND\_ PERCEPTIONS\_OF\_GREEN\_BUILDINGS.pdf





For example, where saving energy means cramming more people into a space without regard for acoustic privacy....





## ... or reducing heating, cooling or ventilation





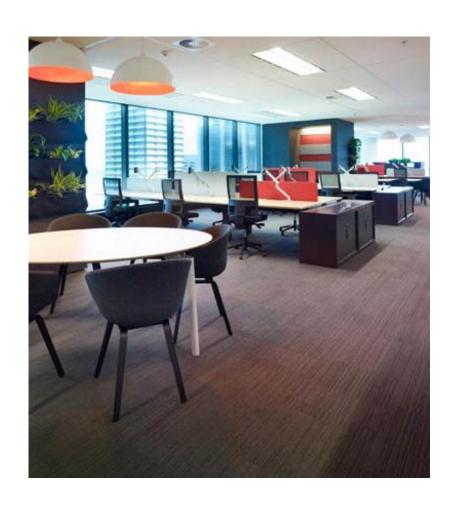
# Green and productive

#### Aim of G+P

- Achieve a measureable balance between an office that is energy efficient and sustainable and where employees are healthy, comfortable and can do their best work
- Develop a business case for making improvements

#### Approach

- Baselines the green qualities and productivity factors
- Calculates conservative estimates for energy savings and productivity gains





### Baselines...



#### **GREEN**

- Energy/carbon (lighting, heating/cooling, plug load, server rooms)
- Water
- Resources

   (e.g., green procurement, reduce paper)
- Waste
- Dow Jones Sustainability Index criteria



- Green team initiatives
- Commuting



#### **PRODUCTIVE**

- Layout that supports tasks/workflow and informal cohesive networks
- Acoustics
- Visual comfort
- Thermal comfort; IAQ
- Employee amenities
- · Health and Work-Life



Some of the aspects that characterize a productive office environment include great location with a high walkability score (<a href="www.walkscore.com">www.walkscore.com</a>)



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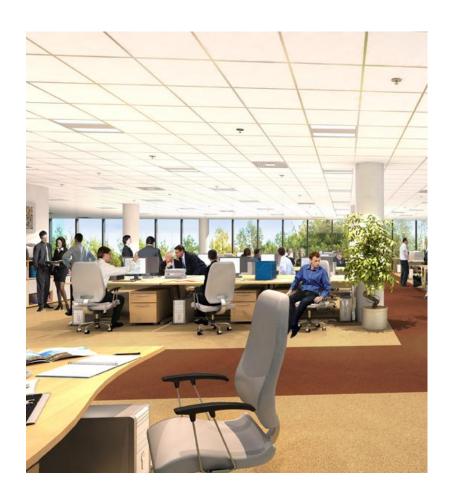


## An attractive layout

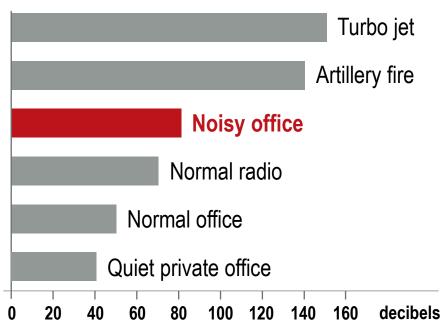




#### Acoustic comfort



Decibel levels in office space





### Acoustic neighborhoods for concentration, collaboration, connection







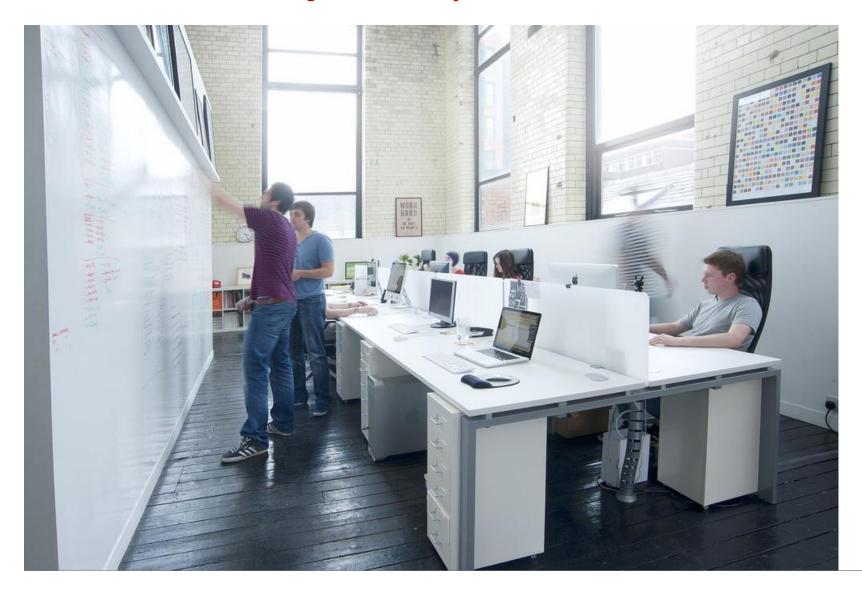






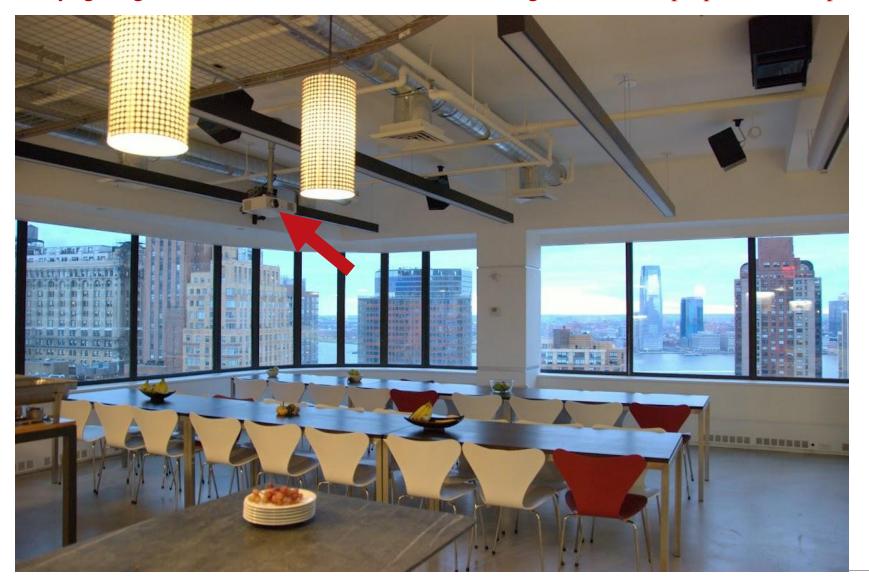


### Collaboration areas including whiteboards, presentation walls etc.





### Daylighting; Areas for informal cohesive networking (Note multi-purpose use of space)





## Areas for "recharging"









### Ergonomic furniture and training on proper adjustment





### Points of visual interest, biofylia (bringing nature cues into the building)





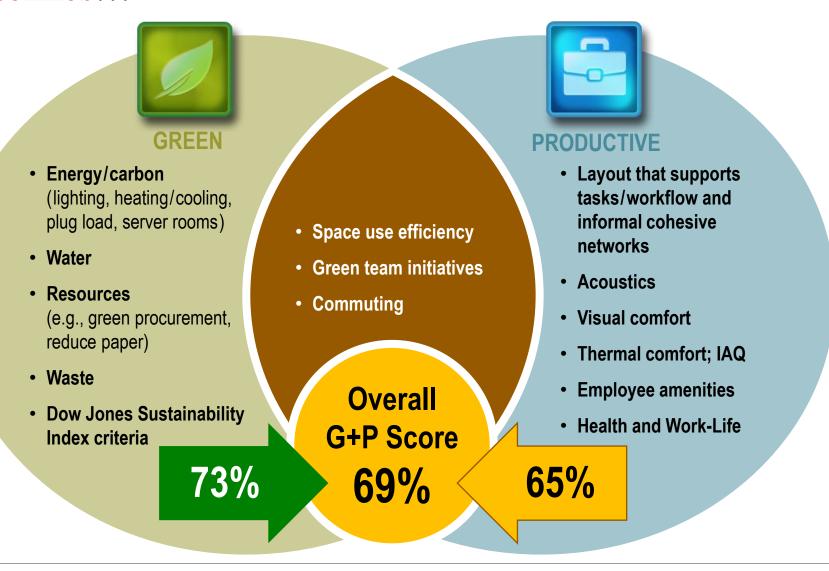
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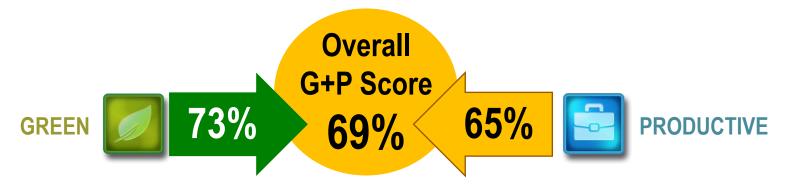


### Baselines...





# Baselines...phone interviews





Firm's corporate policies



Dow Jones Sustainability Index



(Environmental coordinator)



#### Each site:

- Features and layout
- Employee habits at the site

40 minutes

(Facility manager)





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# Calculates potential energy savings and productivity gains

### **Energy savings**



75,000 SF

How could this be improved?	Savings
Reduce hours of lighting and HVAC in the office (no cost)	\$4,500
Lighting controls (2–4 yr. payback)	\$2,800
Server room features and management (low- to no cost)	\$3,300
Total	\$10,600*
* 8.8% saving for electricity	

#### **Productivity gain**



25,000 SF 100 employees Payroll: \$7.5M

- How could this be improved?
  - Set aside a quiet zone
  - Partition 4 meeting spaces (approx. \$18K)
  - Install sound masking (approx. \$1/sf)
- How much improved productivity could be expected?
  - Studies say 6% improved productivity is possible.
     Using an ultra-conservative estimate of just 1% of enhanced work performance, this equates to \$75,000



# Reducing conversational noise and distraction

	Improvement
Accuracy	67%
Call worker satisfaction	300%
Sales productivity	20%
Ability to focus	48%
Memory tasks	10%
Stress (blood pressure and heart rate)	27%





## Reducing conversational noise and distraction

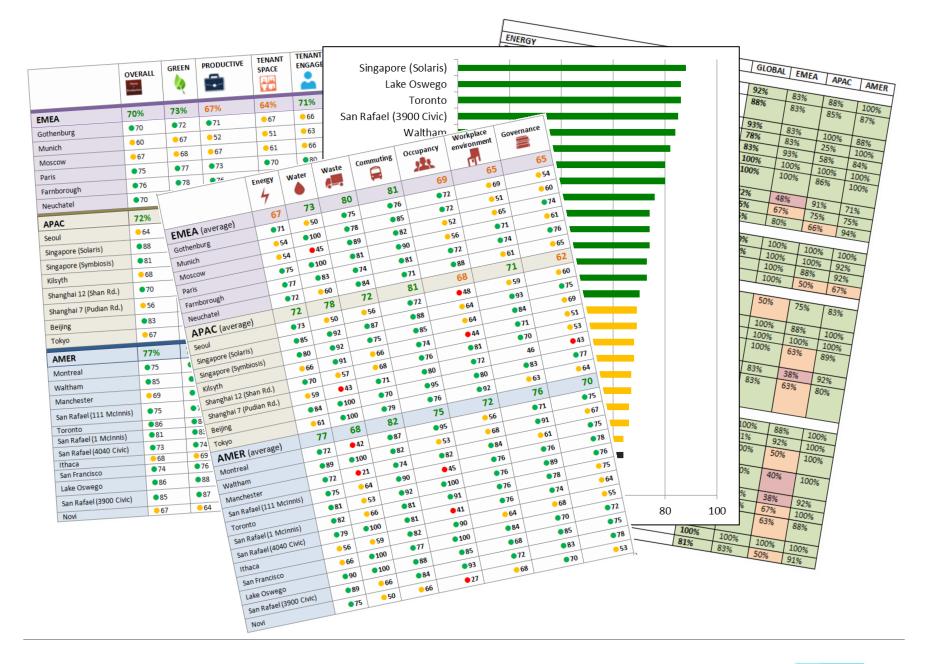
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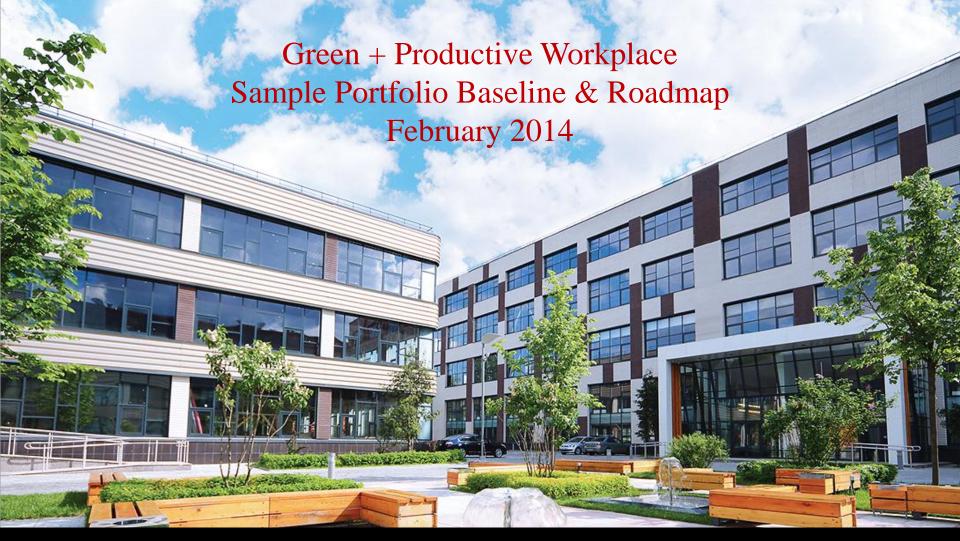
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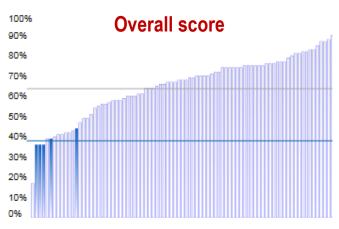
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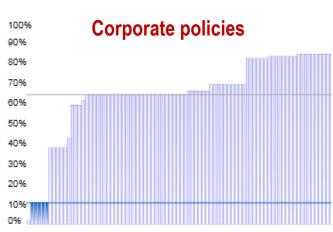
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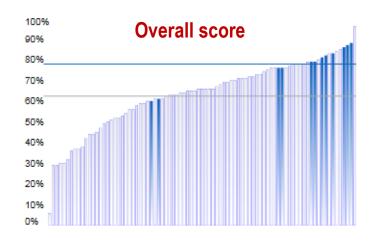
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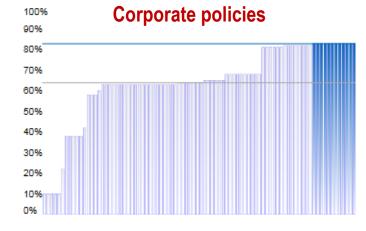
#### Portfolio A





#### Portfolio B







### Where green + productive meets the bottom line (overview)

#### **Energy savings**

	Energy management	Heating & cooling	Lighting	Plug load	Server room	Total
DFW Office	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$200	\$9,000	\$6,000	\$19,200
Dayton Data Center	\$5,000	\$1,500	\$4,100	\$2,900	\$500	\$14,000
Peachtree City	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$10,400	\$13,400	\$9,000	\$43,300
Alpharetta Brookside	\$6,200	\$7,800	\$13,200	\$14,200	\$9,400	\$50,800
Duluth	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$41,300	\$33,800	\$15,000	\$112,600
	\$29,200	\$26,300	\$69,200	\$73,300	\$39,900	\$237,900

#### There is potential to achieve energy savings totaling \$237,900 or 14% of estimated energy costs\*.

The savings would result from conservation measures related to heating and cooling, lighting, plug load and server rooms. Although some of the measures would require some capital investments, many are of an operational nature and are low-cost. (ref slides 23 and 24). The savings may seem like "small change" relative to energy costs in the order of \$1.7 million\*, however, given that electricity prices have increased at a 2.5 percent annual rate since 2000, these measures would be a step in the right direction.

<sup>\*</sup> Estimated energy cost is based on approximately \$3/SF and a total area of 559,018 SF for the 5 facilities.



### Where green + productive meets the bottom line (overview)

#### **Productivity gains**

	Acoustics	IAQ thermal comfort	Visual comfort	Layout, comfort and social cohesion	Total
DFW Office	\$200,600	No savings	\$100,300	\$351,000	\$651,900
Dayton Data Center	\$26,200	\$52,400	\$52,500	\$91,800	\$222,900
Peachtree City	No savings	No savings	\$37,500	\$131,200	\$168,700
Alpharetta Brookside	\$159,900	\$239,900	\$159,900	\$399,800	\$959,500
Duluth	\$660,000	\$495,000	\$660,000	\$1,155,000	\$2,970,000
	\$1,046,700	\$787,300	\$1,010,200	\$2,128,800	\$4,973,000

There is potential to achieve productivity gains totaling \$4,973,000 or 3.8% of current estimated payroll costs\*\*.

The gains would result from improved acoustics, thermal comfort and indoor air quality, visual comfort and layout, comfort and features that promote informal social cohesion. Many of the measures would require some capital investment (ref. slides 23 and 24), but this would rapidly pay for itself in productivity gains.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Estimated payroll cost \$130,803,900 is based on the smaller of \$300/SF or \$75K per employee



# Potential productivity gains (details)

Acoustic comfort, space layout and employee comfort and amenities

	oustic tures <sup>1</sup>	Flexibility, hoteling, ergonomics <sup>2</sup>		Space layout <sup>3</sup>		Employee comfort and amenities <sup>4</sup>	
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Duluth	\$660,000		No savings		\$660,000		\$495,000





- No outstanding acoustic problems with the base building. Office has 'quiet work zones'. Enclosed meeting rooms enable team discussions and teleconference calls. Sound masking. Occupant survey shows good results for acoustics.
- <sup>2</sup> Flexibility for employees to select their workstation that reflects task and personal preference. Good system to reserve hoteling workstation. Ergonomic advice.
- <sup>3</sup> Supports individual/collaborative tasks, well-being and social cohesion.
- <sup>4</sup> Features and aesthetic qualities that increase comfort, reduce fatigue and support creativity.



# Green + Productive Workplace

#### Target market

- Large, global portfolios of leased space who need a portfolio-wide strategy and a work plan for each individual facility

#### Fully supported

- Prepare the initial proposal to the client
- Help gather the data
- Find the story in the data

#### Revenue model

- Revenue per facility: \$1,500 initial per facility; \$500 annual re-assessment per facility
- Typical size of portfolio: **15 facilities**



# Green + Productive Workplace

- Turnkey and ready to go
- Tested in the marketplace with 130 facilities already assessed





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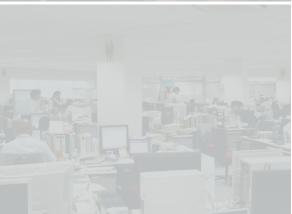


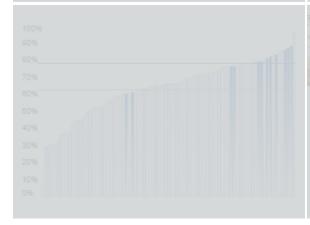


# ROAD MAP — NEXT STEPS

WHERE
GREEN + PRODUCTIVE
MEET THE BOTTOM LINE















# Perspectives on Workplace Sustainability

# Is your portfolio green *and* productive? You can measure it – really.



In a recent productivity study of 32,000 employees, almost half of them admitted to performing 'below par' and not being as fully engaged as they could be. The study found that employee engagement is affected by 1) corporate culture, leadership and the relationship between employees and managers; and 2) the physical work environment. Other field studies show that a workplace environment that features natural light, thermal comfort and good indoor air quality can dramatically improve employee productivity. Some studies claim productivity gains of 20% and more from greening the workplace.

The take-away is that corporate real estate executives (CRE), as stewards of an organization's work spaces, can be major facilitators in improving employee productivity—which leads to organizational success. The question—particularly among skeptics—is how can a workplace's green contributions to productivity be measured in a meaningful way, and how do current conditions add to or detract from work output? Unlike energy reductions that translate directly to dollars saved, productive employee output from sustainable measures is harder to quantify.

Even skeptics will generally acknowledge that very likely some gains in productivity can be expected from upgrading a workplace environment. Clearly, productivity suffers when employees are too hot or cold, sleepy from lack of oxygen, distracted and irritated by the noise around them, headachy from glare, exhausted from a tiresome commute, feeling isolated in the workplace and depressed by their drab surroundings. These employees will assuredly be less concentrated on their work than those who enjoy a healthy, comfortable, dynamic and engaging environment.

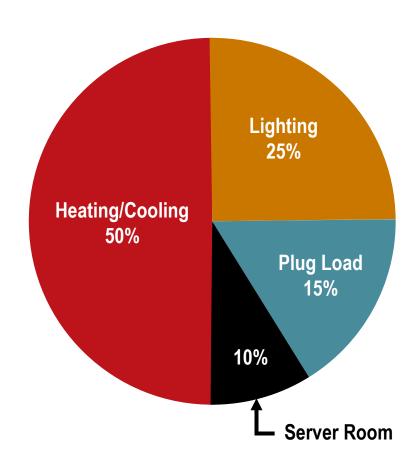
The real issue is, how much productivity improvement can an organization realistically expect from modifying the workplace environment—and can these changes also be sustainable? JLL has developed a realistic, measured approach to help organizations green their workplaces, focusing on the potential return on investment from improved energy efficiency, space utilization and employee productivity.

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## Algorithms are based on the following industry-held assumptions

- A typical energy cost (e.g., \$3.00/ft²) and payroll cost (e.g., \$300/ft² or \$75K per employee)
- A typical breakdown of energy (e.g., 50% used for heating & cooling; 25% for lighting; 15% for plug load, and 10% for server room)
- Ultra conservative estimates of savings associated with energy conservation measures as per industry and engineering reports
- Ultra conservative estimates of productivity gains associated with workplace measures as per academic and field study reports (e.g., UCLA, Berkeley, British Journal of Psychology, American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, Bond University, Green Building Council, etc.)





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