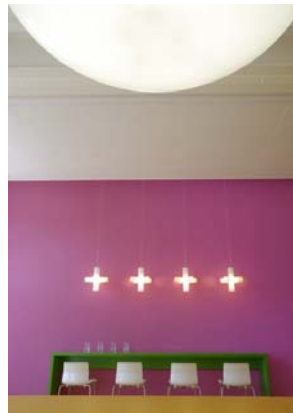


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Due to expansion plans, Univar GmbH, a chemicals distributor, was looking for a new office building in summer 2009 and chose an empty, former factory floor in a historical brickwork building. Together with architect Udo Hasenbein, the company planned an open office concept accentuated with bold colours. The modern design and the changeover from individual offices to today's open space layout reflects the new corporate philosophy. Primary importance is given to an open, communicative atmosphere and to the well-being of the staff. Silent rooms, a table football game and a comfortable lounge with game consoles make it possible for employees to take a break from work and relax for a short while. At the moment, 60 people are employed at the Essen location. Thanks to forward-looking planning and generous spaces, it is possible to re-equip for an increase in staff numbers at any time.

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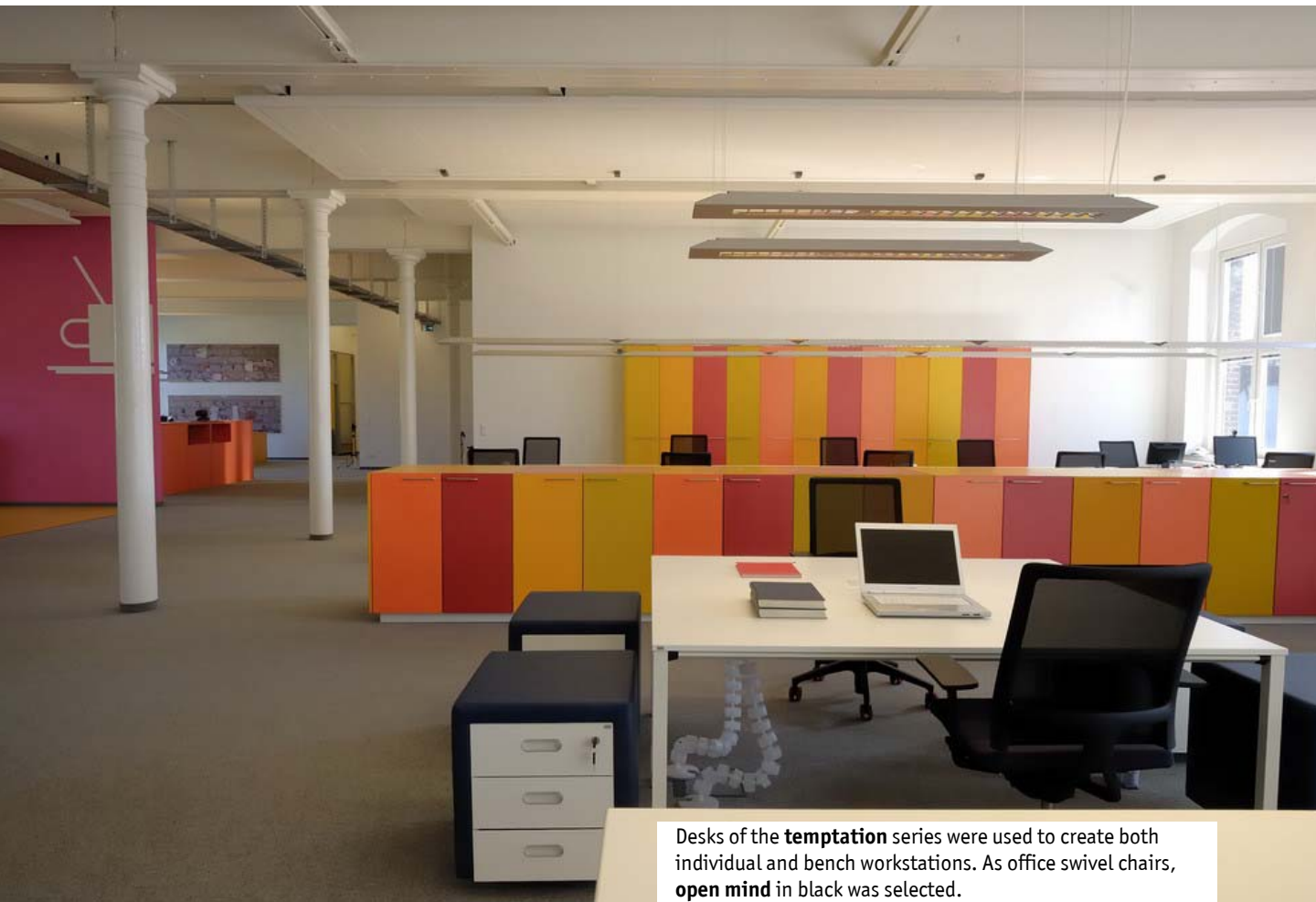
Conference rooms are transparent but are separated by glass partition walls. **open mind** was chosen for the chairs. The membrane materials for the net-like backrests are in different colours.



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Desks of the **temptation** series were used to create both individual and bench workstations. As office swivel chairs, **open mind** in black was selected.

