

A modern office interior with a striking blue, wavy acoustic ceiling. The ceiling is composed of numerous thin, curved panels that create a dynamic, undulating pattern. Integrated linear lighting is visible within the ceiling structure. Below, the office space is furnished with desks, orange and grey cubicles, and plants. Large windows in the background allow natural light to enter the space.

Resonics Guide to Office Acoustics

ABOUT US

At Resonics, we believe every space should be inviting, comfortable and functional – and acoustics play a key role in that. Many offices struggle with echo, poor speech clarity and background noise that make conversations tiring and focus hard to find. We design acoustic solutions that bring balance to your office.

With more than a decade of experience, we are the UK's specialist acoustic contractor for design-led commercial interiors. We've helped thousands of organisations turn noisy offices into flexible, high-performing workspaces that support collaboration and focus.

- **1,000+** projects completed in 2025
- Undertake projects from **£2k to £4m**
- **Independent** of manufacturers
- We only use **industry-leading products**





Five ways better acoustics pay off

Acoustic comfort

Balanced sound makes a space more comfortable to work, talk or relax in, reducing stress and supporting wellbeing.

Improved concentration

Background noise is one of the biggest drains on focus. Acoustic panels cut down excess noise, helping people concentrate and get more done.

Clear communication

Shorter reverberation time means clearer speech; conversations become easier to follow and less effortful for everyone in the room.

Flexible, multi-use spaces

Good acoustic design lets a space adapt to how people actually use it, moving comfortably between meetings, events and everyday work.

Increased productivity

When people can focus and communicate with ease, they work more efficiently. Good acoustics has been shown to meaningfully boost workplace performance.

WALL PANELS

Our wall panels combine acoustic performance with thoughtful design. Whether you prefer bold feature panels that enhance your interior or subtle options that blend seamlessly into the background, each panel is engineered to absorb unwanted noise and reduce echo, creating a more comfortable and productive workspace.

SOUND MASKING

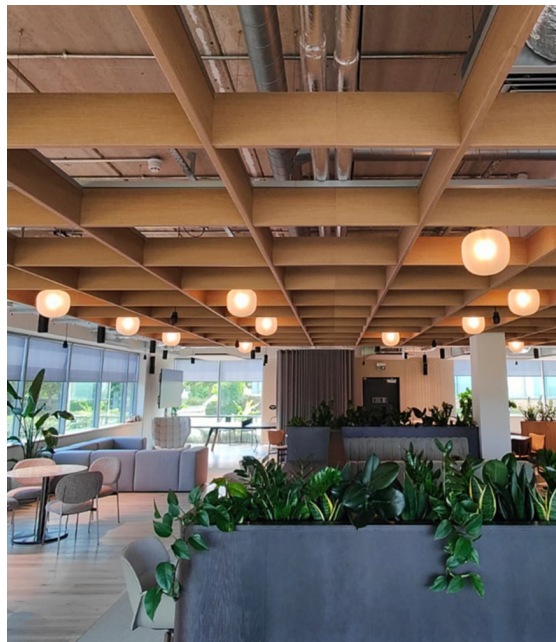
Sound masking introduces a subtle background noise into a space to reduce speech intelligibility, making conversations harder to overhear and less distracting. It isn't suitable for every space, but it works well where privacy is needed in otherwise quiet environments.



CEILING PANELS

Ceilings are one of the most effective areas for controlling sound in busy office environments. Treating around 50–60% of the ceiling with Class A acoustic absorbers can significantly reduce noise and reverberation. The result is a more balanced acoustic environment where conversations stay clear and focus comes easily.

OUR WORK IN OFFICES





Gleeds HQ

Overview

Gleeds' London headquarters needed a complete redesign to bring together employees, clients and collaborators from across its global network. The brief called for a space that felt both welcoming and practical – supporting a variety of working styles while achieving exceptional acoustic comfort throughout.

Our solution

As a trusted Acoufelt installation partner, Resonics delivered a tailored suite of acoustic treatments across the office:

Open-plan workstations: Acoufelt ceiling baffles added an architectural feature overhead while reducing reverberation and background noise.

Meeting rooms: FilaSorb wall panels controlled sound reflections, improving speech clarity.

Event and social spaces: Castillo acoustic ceiling tiles and grid ceilings supported clear speech, even with larger groups gathered.

The outcome

The finished workplace gives Gleeds a flexible, people-focused environment that balances collaboration and concentration. Clearer speech, fewer distractions and better privacy now support a more productive day-to-day experience for everyone who uses the space.



Specialist Risk Group

Overview

Specialist Risk Group (SRG), one of the UK's fastest-growing insurance intermediaries, relocated to a new 40,000 sq ft single-floor office to bring its teams together under one roof. The brief was to create a workplace that could support a full range of working styles, from quiet, focused tasks to open collaboration, while maintaining acoustic comfort throughout.

Our solution

Resonics supplied and installed acoustic treatments matched to how each space in SRG's new office would be used.

In the reception, **Autex Frontier** ceiling baffles offered high absorption while doubling as a design feature. In meeting rooms and quiet zones, **Autex Groove** wall panels were installed on key reflective surfaces to reduce flutter echo and control reverberation, improving speech clarity on calls and reducing listener fatigue.

In the boardroom, an **Abstracta Sahara** wall managed reverberation, adding depth and interest to the space, while Frontier baffles carried through from reception for visual continuity.

The outcome

Through careful coordination with other trades and precise installation, Resonics ensured every acoustic solution performed at its best while integrating seamlessly with the wider fit-out.

Meeting rooms now feel private and controlled, so AV calls can happen without acoustic distraction, while the reception strikes a calmer, more considered tone with the baffles doubling as a striking visual feature.



Van Oord Office

Overview

Acoustics can make or break an open office environment. Van Oord's London workspace required a carefully considered acoustic design to balance noise levels, enhance comfort, and complement the sleek, modern interior. With a mix of open-plan areas, meeting rooms, and social spaces, the challenge was to create a consistent acoustic experience throughout.

Our solution

Resonics supplied and installed acoustic treatments tailored to how each area of Van Oord's office is used.

Above the open-plan workstations, **GB Acoustics Circular Rafts** reduced reverberation and improved speech clarity. In meeting rooms, **GB Acoustics Wall Panels** were installed behind screens and speakers to control reflections, keeping speech clear on calls.

In the kitchen, a custom **Acoufelt Ceiling** brought sound under control while blending into the design, and **Troldtekt Ultrafine Panels** above the dining area improved speech clarity for everyday conversation.

The outcome

The result is a workspace where acoustics and aesthetics work in harmony. From focused workstations to lively collaboration zones, each area now supports comfort, productivity and connection – with consistent quality delivered across multiple acoustic systems throughout the installation.

When you work with Resonics, you'll get...

Market-Leading Expertise

With over a decade of experience and more than 7,000 projects completed, no UK company has delivered more interior acoustic projects.

End-to-End Service

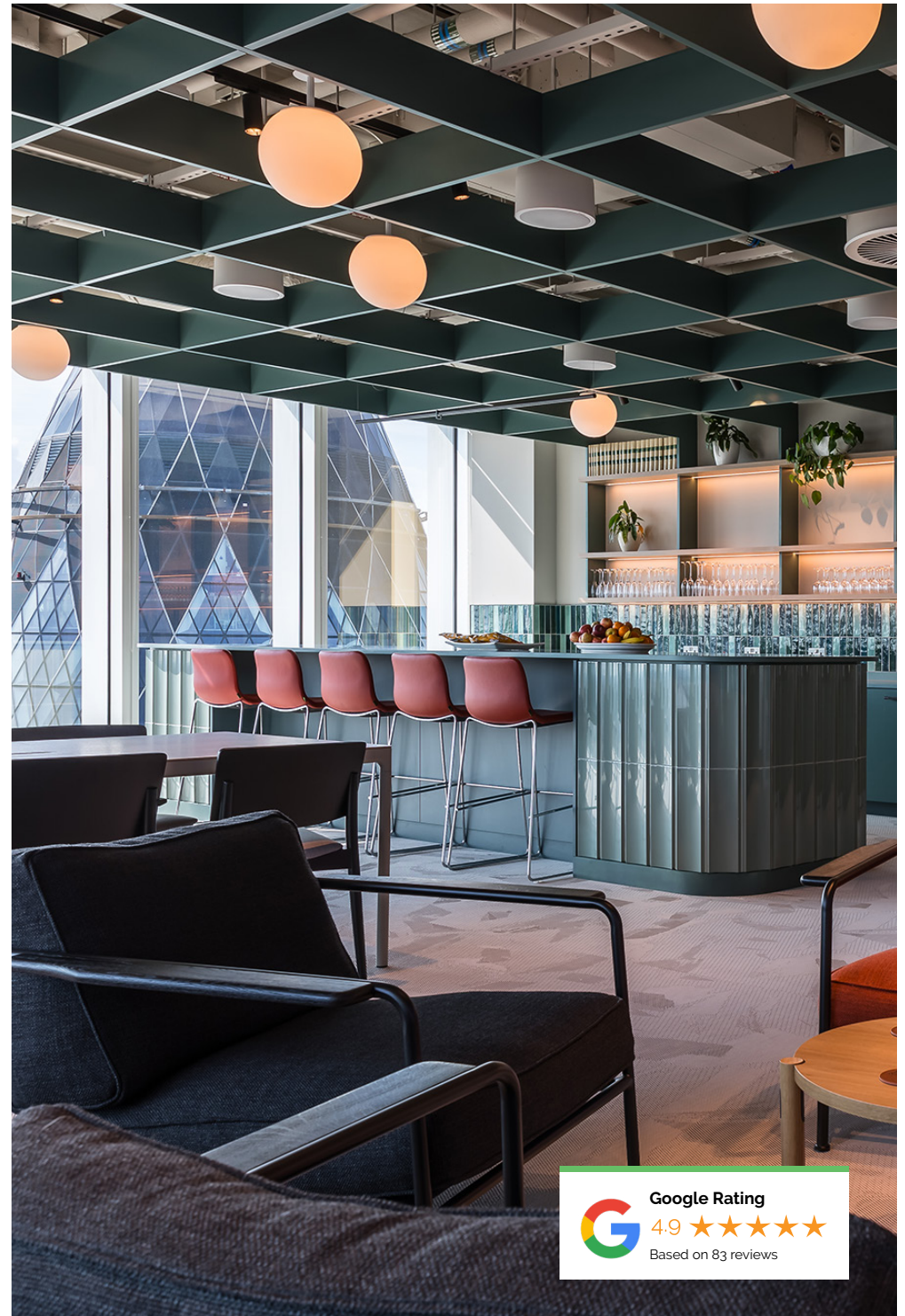
From surveys and acoustic testing through to design, supply, and installation, our in-house team manage every stage of the process.

Trusted Across the UK

From open-plan offices to meeting rooms and AV suites, we work across offices, earning a 4.9 Google rating from clients who value getting acoustics right the first time.

Preferred Installers

We work with the leading acoustic manufacturers, building relationships based on trust, collaboration and shared standards. As a preferred installer for these brands, we're fully trained to deliver reliable, high-quality results.



Frequently Asked Questions

What areas of an office usually need acoustic treatments?

Open-plan workspaces, meeting rooms, call centres, breakout zones and cafe areas typically benefit the most. These spaces often have hard surfaces and high activity levels, making them more prone to echo and background noise.

Are there regulations or standards for office acoustics?

Yes. Offices are measured against BS ISO 22955:2021 (the UK standards for office acoustics) and the Sound section of WELL, the workplace wellness standard many landlords now require. We can include the target reverberation time and the WELL criteria your project needs to meet in our proposal.

How do acoustics affect employee wellbeing?

A well-managed sound environment reduces stress, enhances concentration and prevents fatigue. It also creates a more inclusive workplace by supporting neurodiverse employees and those sensitive to noise.

Are Resonics acoustic panels sustainable?

Yes. Many of the materials used are made from recycled content and are sourced from manufacturers with strong environmental credentials, so you can improve acoustics without compromising your sustainability goals.

Do your acoustic products meet fire safety requirements?

Yes. We offer a range of solutions that are tested and rated to EN 13501-1, giving specifiers and building managers confidence that acoustic performance doesn't come at the expense of fire safety.

How do you work alongside our other contractors?

Most office projects happen inside a bigger Cat A or Cat B fit-out. We provide CAD drawings ready to drop into the design team's pack, attend site meetings, and sequence our work around the main programme – our team is CSCS, SSSTS and SMSTS accredited.

Your guide to interior acoustics

Below are a few guides to help you get started, drawing on over a decade of experience helping spaces sound as good as they look – from understanding office acoustic standards to choosing sustainable acoustic panels and the fundamentals of fire ratings.



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