



The network offers a mix of partners and skills, bringing local market knowledge to offer the best perspective on every workplace project

## Summertown Interiors joins The United Workplace network

Summertown Interiors has joined a new global alliance of workplace experts – The United Workplace (TUW). It's a global collaboration of like-minded workplace experts that have formed a network to assist companies in the development of their international workplaces.

The network, founded by Fourfront Group in the UK, and Amicus which delivers workplace design and fit-out projects in Australia, includes Ware Malcomb a well-established architectural practice in the US, and Summertown Interiors, the UAE's first fit-out contractor to occupy Leadership in Energy, and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certified Interiors.

Aki Stamatidis, chairman of Fourfront Group commented: "Businesses who are thinking globally as they execute their growth plans and try to build an international presence, want to replicate a similar working culture in every single location. It is important, however to achieve a balance between reflecting the local market culture and the values and identity of the business itself."

Marcos Bish, managing director of Summertown Interiors said: "Being part of this alliance allows us to offer our clients a level of service that extends beyond the Middle East, and strengthens our team's capabilities."



Marcos Bish, managing director, Summertown Interiors



## Downtown Design announces its fifth edition

It's all about design and décor. Downtown Design, the anchor event for Dubai Design Week is celebrating five successful years as the leading design trade fair for high quality design in the Middle East. Taking place from November 14-17, 2017 in partnership with the Dubai Design District (d3)+ Dubai Culture & Arts Authority (DCAA), the show is set to enhance its position as the Middle East's essential contemporary design event; providing industry and public audiences with new product, trends and inspiration.

Downtown Design will present talent across 26 product categories including furniture and lighting, textiles and accessories, and the latest in kitchen and bathroom technology. Rue Kothari, show director of Downtown Design, said: "We're delighted to be marking five years of Downtown Design with a show double the size of previous editions. Not only does this reflect the strength of the exhibition and its reputation but also the growth in high-demand sectors of lighting, furniture and textiles. The show continues its rise, while focusing on connecting exhibitors to the region's leading architects and interior designers."