

Designing your PERFECT table

What to consider

The expert team at WallGoldfinger Furniture – best known for its custom tables – helps clients define its unique furniture needs. Here are some of the considerations that go into designing the perfect table.

1. SIZE

To determine the size of your table, consider how many people it needs to seat. If your board has, say, 15 members plus nine members of your executive team who join each meeting. That means you need a table for 24 people. Typically, 30 inches per chair is calculated to arrive at a table size. So how big is that? Well, that depends on the shape of your table.

YOUR BOARD

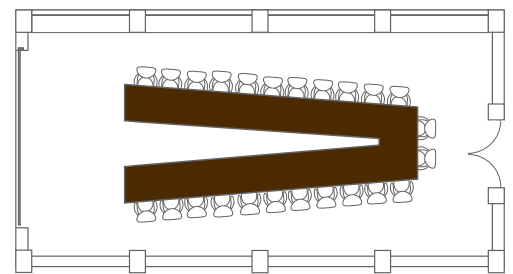
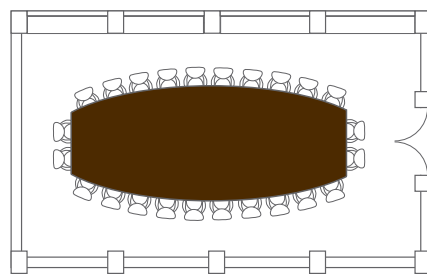
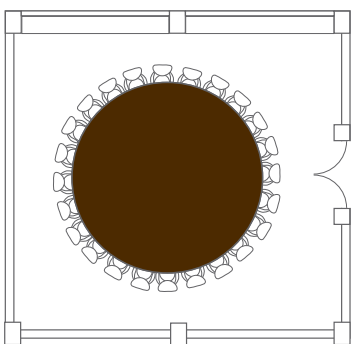


YOUR TEAM



2. SHAPE

The shape of your table is determined by personal preference, the size of your room, how many people you need to seat, and how you plan to use the table. If your room is square, a round table might make more sense than a rectangular table. Round tables have the added benefit of improved visibility from person to person. Maybe your room has a large monitor at one end. Well, you will want to choose a V- or U-shape, so no one is sitting in front of the screen. V-shaped tables improve sight lines to the screen and allow cameras in the room to pick up everyone at the table.



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3. TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

Speaking of screens, technology is a major determining factor in the look of your table. Do you want retractable monitors? A full table base will be required to house the monitors in their retracted position. Do you need microphones to hear one another or for video conferencing? Do you need power and data? What data connections are needed? Where do you want to place power and data?

HATCH LIDS
Available in a variety of materials



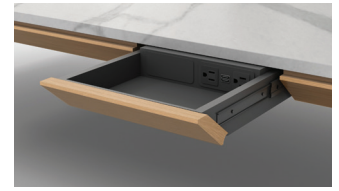
APRON POWER
Available in a variety of options



APRON POWER WITH
RETRACTABLE LIDS
An exclusive WallGoldfinger design



POWER DRAWERS
Available in a variety of profiles



4. TECHNOLOGY PLACEMENT

Placement matters. Maybe you have a wide table. Putting a power and data box with a hatch lid in the middle of the table doesn't make much sense because you won't be able to reach it. You will need to bring your power and boxes out closer to the edge. ADA compliant reach is 25" or less. What about those retractable monitors? Do you plan to engage with the person across the table from you? Will you be able to see over the monitor? Perhaps you want monitor wells instead or to place monitors elsewhere, such as credenzas holding a large retracting screens that all can view.

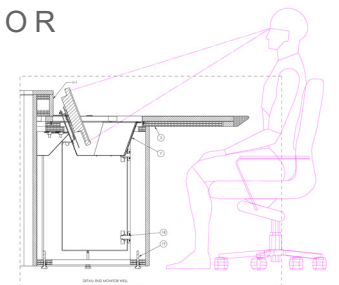
RETRACTABLE
MONITORS



MONITOR
WELLS



TABLETOP MONITOR
WELLS



5. MATERIALS

Do you love veneer like we do showing beautiful wood grain and patterning? Or are you following the trend toward white stones and glass? Will those materials work for your use? If you're creating a dining table, will the material you chose hold up to spills? If you're creating a teleconference table, will a polished stone be too reflective? Are you seeking a clean, seamless look or will you break up the look for your tabletop with different materials, such as a metal technology band or faux leather center field?



6. STYLE

Is your office sleek and sophisticated or more traditional? If it is the former, perhaps you want a thin edge, which may rule out apron power. Maybe a touch of metal will make your creation shine. Maybe an open base is important, ruling out those retractable monitors. Maybe you like a thin base. But how big are your floor cores for power and data? Will your thin base cover them?

EDGE IDEAS

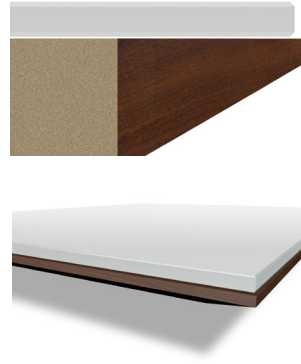
REVEAL
protective edge



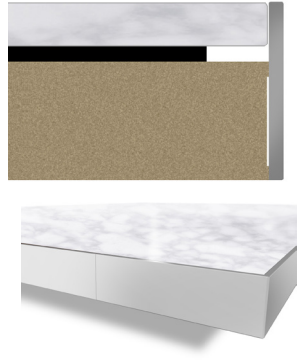
STRATA
reverse knife edge



OVERLAY
with glass

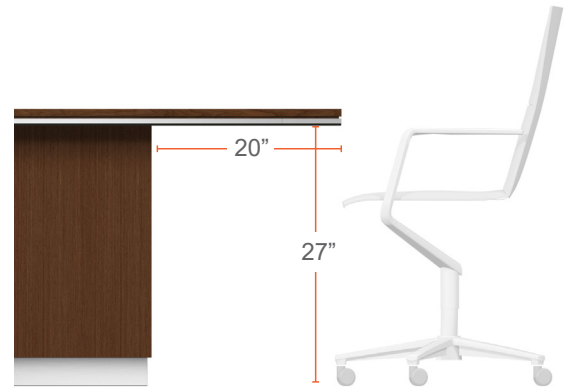


RIM
applied metal edge



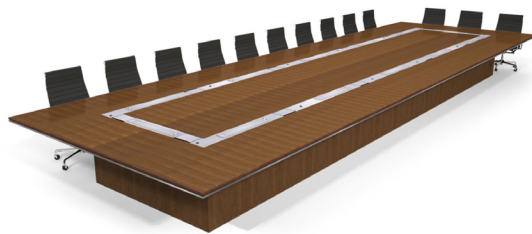
7. LEG ROOM

Twenty inches is WallGoldfinger's standard leg room for custom tables. Unless you're in the NBA, that's a very comfortable distance from table edge to base. But maybe you want the look of a big cantilever anyway. It's possible with the right engineering, including steel frames and tables that bolt to the floor. You'll also want to think about ADA compliance. A table must provide at least 27" from the underside of the table to the floor. That means a 30" high table can't have an edge that is thicker than 3" and still be compliant.



8. HEIGHT

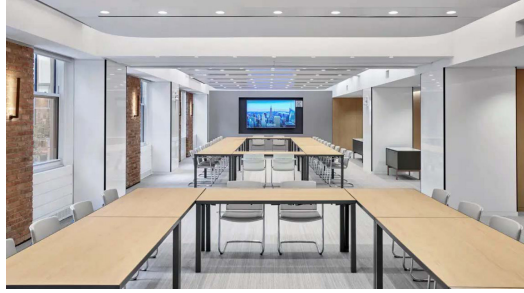
Are you sitting down the board to meet for hours or are you hashing out a quick decision with the team? If it is the latter, perhaps a standing height collaborative table is what you need. Standing meetings tend to move more quickly and getting up and moving about is good for your health.



9. MOBILITY

Does your meeting room serve multiple purposes? If so, perhaps you want tables that move to form different shapes or separate into two tables so an operable wall can be used to create two meeting spaces. WallGoldfinger's Summit and Arbor tables are great examples of tables that reconfigure, but other options are also available, such as fixed tables with removable end sections. This application is often used when there is a screen at the end of the room or to access a table center for cleaning.

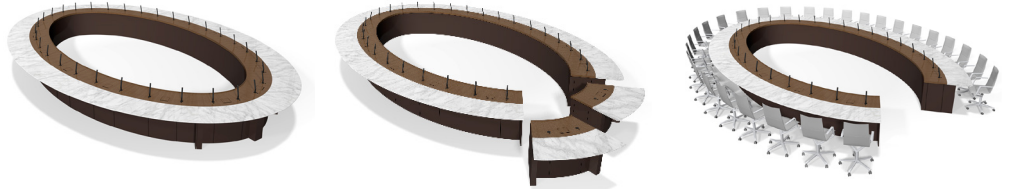
ARBOR



SUMMIT



CUSTOM RECONFIGURABLE TABLE



10. COST

Maybe the ever popular calacatta white marble is on your materials list, but, wow, it is adding a lot of cost to your project. Consider a lower-priced alternative, such as other natural stones like Carrara, engineered quartz, or porcelain.

Or maybe a metal clad base is on your wish list, but, again, cost prohibitive. Consider metallic paint. Bases are under the table and hard to see. You could be spending money where it is not going to make an impression.

HIGH END MARBLE ALTERNATIVES

ENGINEERED QUARTZ



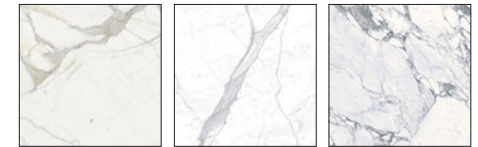
LOWER COST STONE



SOLID SURFACE



PORCELAIN



NEXT STEPS

That is a lot of questions, but where do you get your answers? Ask your team what they need. If the furniture is for an existing space, ask your facilities team about your room size and floor cores, or send WallGoldfinger a drawing of your space for assistance helping to maximize your square footage.

The sky is the limit for custom tables and accompanying furniture, but that doesn't mean any design will work for you. You have a unique identity, style, and needs. Contact WallGoldfinger at 802.278.5800 or sales@wallgoldfinger.com for help getting started.

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