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Acoustics with Design is a relatively new Edmonton- and Toronto-based company bringing a twist on traditional acoustic panels to the Canadian market. The business carries the Swedish Wobedo line of decorative sound absorption panels, guaranteed to bring light and imagination to any commercial, retail, or residential space.

The product's developers wanted to take a fresh approach to acoustic treatments and, rather than hiding them, decided to make something beautiful out of something useful.

"The idea is to put the panels together in various configurations," says Acoustics with Design representative Janine Gliener. "They are great products for designers, architects, and contractors who want to bring their own creativity and thought to what they are doing."

Designers can choose from the soft, curving shapes of Woolbubbles sculptural panels, made to be combined to suit

any interior with colour and form, or Squarebubbles, which bring order to a space with sharp lines and a series of inspiring colours. The Town series comprises figurative wall panels that present as a skyline and can be arranged in various configurations to bring playfulness to kids' or adult spaces.

Wobedo panels score as well as standard sound absorption panels on sound tests, and can be supplemented by standard wall or ceiling panels or ceiling baffles if the application calls for it.

And installation is a breeze. "They go up with the ease of hanging a picture," says Gliener. "They are delivered with strong Velcro discs that are fastened to the wall, and the panels simply attach to those. The panels are easy to move, fun, and gorgeous—a new approach to making acoustics look good."

Also from Wobedo is the MyPlace line of acoustic privacy screens, which sit on a desk to create temporary, quiet, private, and adjustable work spaces. When not needed, they fold up and can be hung on supplied wall hooks. Floating Sun and Floating Earth floor standing sound absorption panels deliver the perfect combination of beauty and functionality, screening off the room to create calmer sections while allowing light penetration through Plexi-glass mounting surfaces.

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