

# Creating an auspicious office



## Feng Shui for life

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**A**N office on good, clean lines keeps your staff happy and can increase productivity, while it doesn't hurt if you add an auspicious touch to it. So if you're planning on renovating your office and creating a brand new image, model it the Feng Shui way.

But first things first. It's important to check your qua number in Feng Shui and find out what your good directions are. Based on this, ensure that your office doesn't face any of your bad directions and faces at least one of your good ones. If you're the entrepreneur, then the office main door should also face one of your good directions.

Remember how vital water features are to Feng Shui? What would be ideal is a water feature near the entrance, but only if this is in the east south-east, north or the south-west sector. If you've decided on a waterfall, the water should be in proportion to the place and not too much. Placing a fish tank also entails putting auspicious fish like the gold fish, koi carp, guppies or the most potent of all, the arrowana. This fish is considered the Feng Shui fish or the wealth fish and one or two of them would be enough.

The total number of fish should ideally be eight, apart from the crucial black fish. Remember, the black fish is the one that absorbs all the bad luck. The ideal place to keep the water feature would be on the left hand side and within the office, but looking outward.

As for your position in office, you should never sit with your back to the cabin door. It is fortuitous to have a picture of a mountain behind you, but it should be round-shaped, not sharp-edged. This is because the mountain should indicate the support in your life. There should be no water in the picture as it represents lost business opportunities.

If you are running a retail outlet, then have mirrors on either side of the showroom, but make sure that the entrance is not reflected in the mirror. This causes all the luck make its way out.

If possible, let the mirror reflect the office safe, symbolically doubling your office wealth.

### Tips for the office

- The most senior man should be positioned in the north west of the office and the most senior woman in the south-west.
- The finance department should be located in the south-east of the office.
- The ideal place for marketing and sales executives is the south.
- Energise all your important cash registers and safe box by sticking three Chinese coins with a red thread.
- Hang a bell outside your office or retail store door as it will help in increasing turnover.

Make sure there are no poison arrow symbols at the entrance like a lamp post or a solitary tree. If it does, then you must change the positioning of your main entrance or at least tilt the door angle. Chances of a promotion can also be severely curtailed in the manner in which your desk is placed.

Facing a toilet door or a staircase directly is inauspicious according to Feng Shui. Sitting directly under an exposed overhead beam may result in tremendous work pressures and headaches. Offices should never be located at the end of a long corridors as this makes it suffer from unfortunate Chi. The straight corridor in this case acts like a poison arrow and in cases where this is unavoidable, place potted plants along the corridor. This is believed to slow down the rush of the Chi. ■