

## Common Desk Opens In The Ion to Offer Premier, Flexible Workspace for Houston's Tech Community

*Coworking provider joins some of the nation's top companies to cultivate Houston's innovation ecoscape from The Ion*

AUGUST 17, 2021 - [The Ion](#), Houston's collaborative complex, announced [Common Desk](#) officially opened "Common Desk - The Ion" on August 16, 2021. The premier flexible workspace and workday amenities provider will serve a range of professionals, from remote workers to small businesses, fast-growing companies and established enterprises.

Spanning 58,400 square feet, Common Desk - The Ion encompasses the entire second floor of the building. With stunning design, flexible floor plans for up to 30 people, and game-changing amenities, Common Desk - The Ion aims to exceed the expectations of its tenants, which include single entrepreneurs, startup organizations, small businesses and tech-forward professionals. Amenities include bottomless craft coffee from local purveyors, unlimited conference room bookings, access to all shared areas on the second floor, private chat booths, full kitchens and break areas. Prospective tenants looking for experiential coworking memberships at Common Desk - The Ion can learn more [here](#).

Common Desk - The Ion joins an esteemed list of tenants at The Ion including Chevron Technology Ventures, Microsoft, and [best-in-class culinary talent](#), which will be situated on the [first floor](#). The Ion's LEED-certified building is set to open to the broader public this Fall.

"We can't wait for our new Common Desk tenants and members across their network to experience the magic that's being made here," said Jan E. Odegard, Executive Director of The Ion. "Just as The Ion, alongside developer Rice Management Company (RMC), set out to build an innovation community and hub different from anything the nation has ever seen, Common Desk set out to build its biggest and most innovative space yet. We look forward to offering more flexible options in how we build community and work together with Common Desk."

Texas-based Common Desk specializes in flexible office solutions for teams that need space to scale and grow without paying extra for perks that make workdays great. Common Desk - The Ion is the organization's largest flex office space to date and offers its most flexible floor plans. The location is above pre-opening occupancy targets, surpassing the industry standard opening forecast. In connection with The Ion and RMC, this Common Desk location provides the ability for members to scale their operations without the worry of overhead costs or buildout stresses. Once a member outgrows their space, they have the ability to find a larger one within Common Desk - The Ion or stay in The Ion Community and lease a traditional space on its upper floors, or future buildings in the forthcoming Innovation District, that will surround Common Desk - The Ion. As part of their Common Desk - The Ion membership, tenants also have access to Common Desk's network of coworking spaces in tech-hubs Austin, Dallas, and North Carolina.

While Common Desk has always been focused on building community within each of its locations, its location with The Ion enables it to take its mission statement a step further. With the thoughtful, open design of the building, Common Desk members will have a variety of opportunities to get to know people outside the wall of their workspaces, including free networking and educational programming held by The Ion. Common Desk - The Ion also includes curated connections and tenant events with the large enterprise companies officing in different parts of the building. This collaboration and melting pot of ideas is precisely what The Ion was built for and what Common Desk aims to do.

"After a year of preparation, we're proud to open the doors of Common Desk - The Ion to members and guests looking for a flexible and intentional workspace like no other," said Dawson Williams, Head of Growth and

Partnerships at Common Desk. “Common Desk has joined the ranks of some of the nation’s top companies to cultivate an authentic, game-changing community destined to transform Houston’s innovation ecoscape.”

In addition to its space on the second floor, Common Desk, as well as all Ion tenants, have access to the building's cutting-edge amenities and resources, including its prototyping and Investor Studio, 70,000 square feet of public and shared spaces for event programming, business incubation and acceleration, and curated connections. Purposefully designed by a world-class design team, The Ion’s class-A office space with top-of-market ceiling heights and building systems also offers access to an investor studio and 250-person public forum. To learn more about additional spaces for leasing, visit <https://interactive.savills.us/ion/p/1/>.

**About The Ion:** The Ion will anchor a 16-acre innovation district and is destined to become the epicenter for Houston's innovation ecosystem as an inclusive, dynamic, vibrant and dense hub focusing on quality collaborations between entrepreneurs, incubators, accelerators, corporations, academics, and the Houston community. The 266,000-square-foot building will accommodate multiple uses, including class-A office space, shared workspace, prototyping and maker resources, event space, classrooms, food and beverage offerings as well as indoor/outdoor communal areas with shared amenities. For more information, please visit <https://ionhouston.com/>.