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Industry Spotlight Continues to Shine on Herman Miller Healthcare's Compass™ System

Revolutionary Healthcare Furnishing Solution Honored with Overall Award Winner in Design & Health International Academy Awards 2011

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[Herman Miller Healthcare](#) – a division of [Herman Miller, Inc.](#), and the leader in providing innovative evidence-based healthcare solutions – was honored by the [Design & Health International Academy Awards 2011](#) for its [Compass™ System](#) (Compass). A modular system of interchangeable components, Compass creates patient rooms, caregiver work spaces and other clinical areas and is designed to respond to the changing nature of healthcare delivery.

The world's leading advocacy program, the Design & Health International Academy Awards Program recognizes professional excellence in the research and practice of designing healthy environments. Herman Miller Healthcare's Compass was one of three projects to be awarded overall award winner in the "Product Design for Healthcare Application" category. The 2011 recipients, including Herman Miller Healthcare, will be honored in Boston, the evening of July 9, in connection with the Design & Health World Congress at which the Company is also exhibiting.

"The healthcare industry continues to confirm market relevancy of Compass, recognizing its significant impact on care delivery and space utilization within healing environments," said Herman Miller Healthcare President Beth Nickels. "Receipt of this prestigious honor further reaffirms our ability to provide solutions that match the distinct needs of the ever-changing built healthcare environment."

The Award is one of several industry honors the Company has received for the Compass system, including a 2011 Medical Design Excellence Award, 2010 *Interior Design's* Best of Year Award, 2010 Best of NeoCon® Gold and a 2010 Spark Award.

Compass, a result of an ongoing collaboration between Herman Miller and [Continuum](#), a global innovation and design consultancy headquartered in Boston, is the culmination of more than two years of gathering observations from more than 550 individuals – from nurse managers to hospital administrators – to identify the four primary needs of the dynamic healthcare environment. Offering a new approach to furnishing for healthcare interiors, Compass includes structural, surface and storage components to provide unexpected levels of flexibility while also reducing costs. As a valuable and needed solution for a variety of healthcare spaces, especially acute care and outpatient facilities, it is an essential component to creating a welcoming aesthetic within a patient room.

Compass will also be on display at NeoCon 2011 (#3-330) in Chicago, June 13-16.



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About Design & Health International Academy Awards 2011

The [International Academy for Design & Health](#) was founded in 1997 by scientists at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm as a non-profit organization dedicated to the stimulation and application of research concerning the interaction between design, health, science and culture. Providing a highly visible global forum for an ongoing exchange of research findings among scientists, designers and industry, the Academy works in close partnership with our international network of government organizations, leading universities and commercial organizations to promote human health, well being and quality of life through environmental design.

About Herman Miller's Healthcare Businesses

[Herman Miller Healthcare](#) and [Nemschoff](#) bring over 40 years of experience and a deep understanding of healthcare environments to help clients think strategically about their space—beyond furniture. They leverage this rich insight and an unparalleled product offering to create adaptive environments across the care continuum that are better for patients and smarter for business. Through a network of clinical strategists, clinical designers, and sales professionals, the companies provide research-based, problem-solving solutions to improve working and healing environments. Herman Miller is a charter member of the Health Facility Institute; a Research Partner with the Center for Health Design; and an Industry Partner of the American Academy of Healthcare Interior Design.