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In producing this publication  
'Design with attitude' we provide  
an insight into how we at K5  
Furniture think, feel and work.

We introduce here a limited  
selection of exquisite products  
that we import, manufacture,  
love and stand by.





## Humanistic thinking

K5 Furniture is a family owned, hands-on furniture business with a passion for excellence for all things to do with furniture design and production.

Incorporated in Melbourne in 2001, we provide furniture, systems furniture and space solutions to a range of clients including interior designers, architects and medium and large corporations across Australia and New Zealand. We manufacture, under licence, exclusive lines of Australian and Scandinavian furniture. Our resolve is to make lasting contributions to design culture by sourcing highest quality Australian and internationally designed furniture made from natural materials, like wood sourced from environmentally grown and selectively harvested new growth forests and quality natural fibres.

What drives us is a desire to make work, public and living spaces better for individuals and the planet; never forgetting our core values of directness in dealings, environmental responsibility and a determination to bring projects to fruition in an efficient and timely manner. We call it humanistic thinking.







## The way we think, feel and work:

At K5 we do more than just sell furniture;  
we care about people and the planet.

Collaboration with our work-place team.  
Collaboration with our clients. Collaboration with  
our local and international manufacturers and  
suppliers. We ensure that those individuals and  
companies we partner with share the same  
values as ours. We want to do the right thing,  
make a positive difference in the world.

We are dedicated to contributing to experiential  
spatial environments that consider wellbeing  
as well as efficiency. Honest design. Dedication  
to quality in everything we do. These things are  
integral to our mindset. It's in our DNA.

It's the way we think, feel and work.



### A chair should last as long as the tree it was born out of

At K5 Furniture we believe that living in harmony with nature and the environment is essential to who we are and what we do. We adopt systems that focus on zero-waste targets, use of sustainable materials, up-cycle where possible and recycle where not.

We practice a circular economy business model, a regenerative approach designed to eliminate waste, ensuring that materials are retained in productive use, in a high value state, for as long as possible; while minimizing ecological and social costs. Our design ethos, like that of our Australian, European and international manufacturing partners and designers, celebrates innovation, science and sustainability as an integrated whole, without compromising the health of the planet.

We are energy efficient in our operations and our choice of renewable energy sources. We work hard to diminish environmental impacts: plan travel routes carefully and efficiently; and avoid wasteful packaging, like single use wrapping, preferring reusable 'blankets' to protect our furniture products.

Our manufacturing partners have long histories of respect for the environment and the use of natural materials. They, like us, believe that everything in nature has a purpose and a function: fundamental principles that inform their designs and furniture making. They believe that a chair should last at least as long as the tree that provided its material in the first place.

### Checks and balances

K5 Furniture products are manufactured according to our strict environmental checks and balances. We carefully monitor supply chains and material provenances: wood from verified sources that we risk assess; recycled metals; furnishing fabrics with certified environmental credentials; furniture paddings specially moulded by us to maintain control over quality and sustainability.

### Reuse, repurpose, refurbish

We also believe that quality furniture should not end up as landfill. By reusing, repurposing, refurbishing and renovating, many pieces of furniture can take on new and different lives.

A new tabletop can give a table an entirely new and different life; re-upholstering a chair or sofa can extend its life for years.

And when products no longer have a use, we offer to responsibly manage their recycling by donating to indigenous and under-privileged communities and youth centres.





### Things essential to our being

At K5 Furniture we believe that as citizens of the world we have an obligation to care for people and the health of the planet.

Contributing things of value to the world community. Contributing to eco-conservation. Contributing to the wellbeing of the marginalized and the underprivileged while celebrating cultural diversity.

At work, we provide a safe, healthy environment that encourages and nurtures endeavour and innovation and productivity. We remunerate our staff above award requirements.

Time off for family wellbeing or the development of children and their education are not only socially responsible, but an obligation to committed team members who make what we do possible. These are some of the things essential to our being.

Humanistic furniture:















Company: Hida  
Product: Yanagi Collection  
Designer: Sori Yanagi

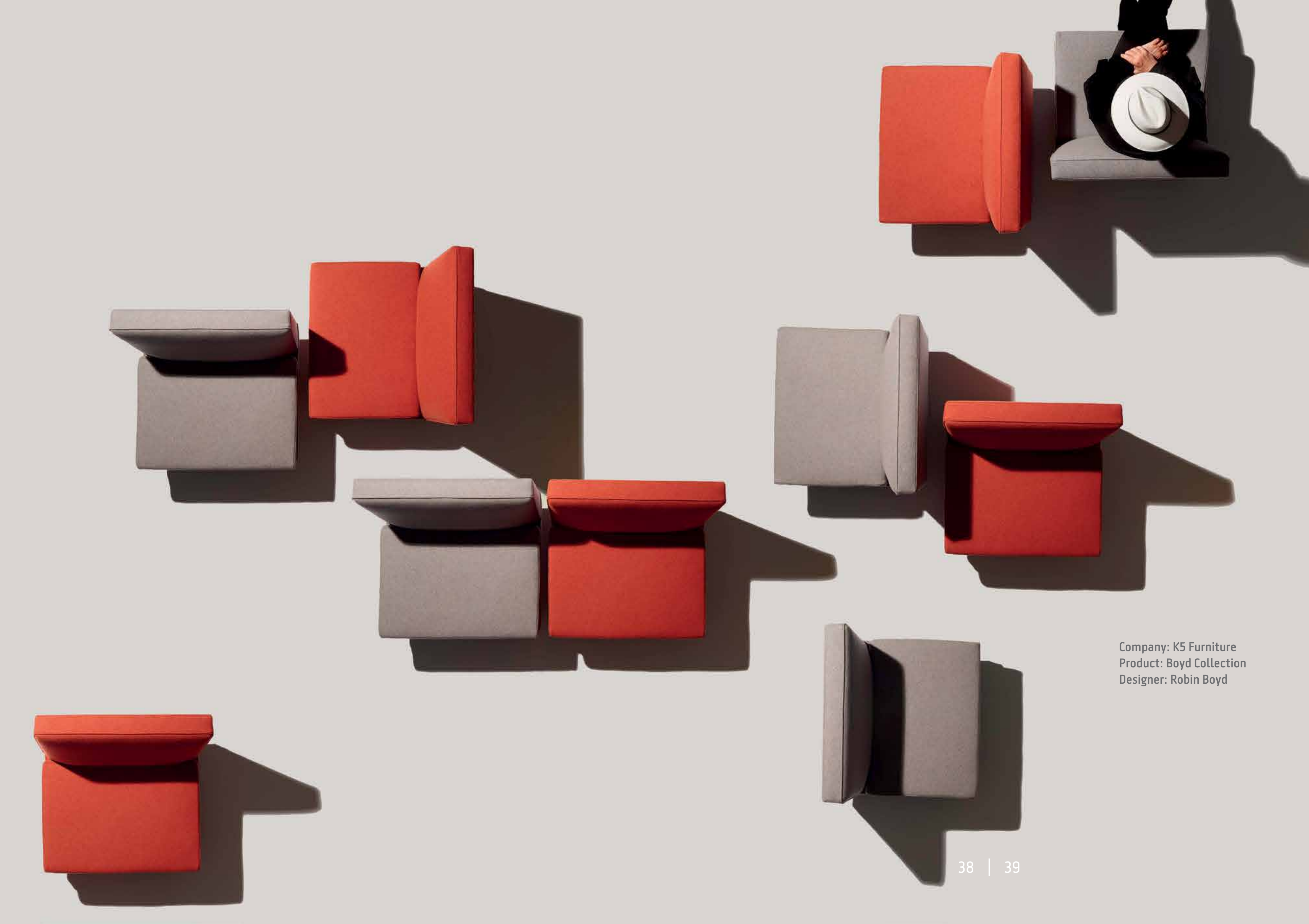


Company: Segis  
Product Collection: STAMP  
Designer: Alejandro Valdés









Company: K5 Furniture  
Product: Boyd Collection  
Designer: Robin Boyd





Company: Skandiform  
Product: Fendo  
Designer: Stefan Borselius









Company: Skandiform  
Product: Bolero  
Designer: Nina Jobs

Company: Randers & Radius  
Product: Tono chair  
Designer: Hans Thyge & Co  
Product: Grip table  
Designer: Troels Grum-Schwensen

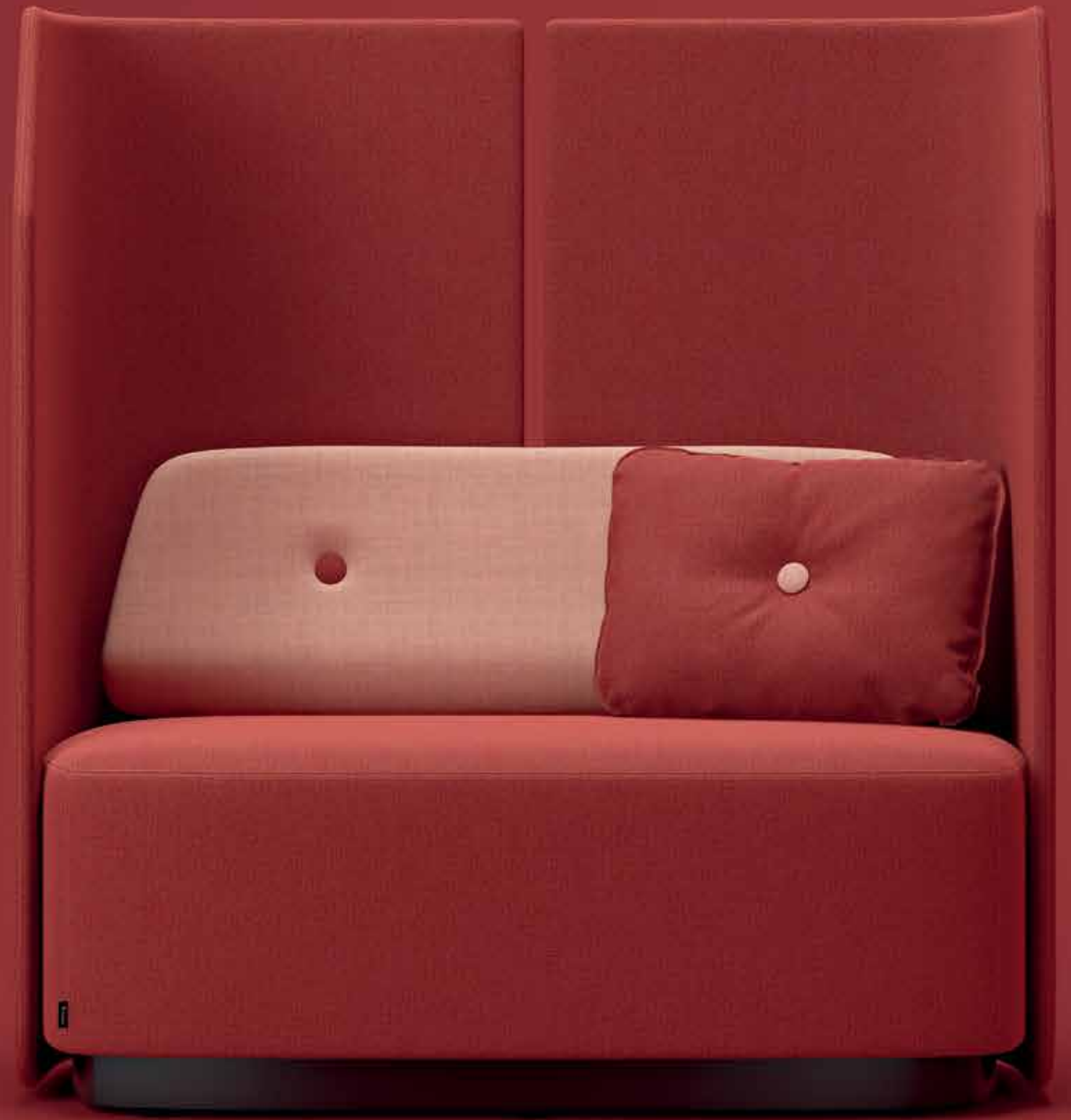




Company: Randers & Radius  
Product: Dry chair  
Designer: Komplot  
Product: Grip table  
Designer: Troels Grum-Schwensen



Company: Kinnarps  
Product: Fields  
Designer: Propellor Design,  
Olle Gyllang



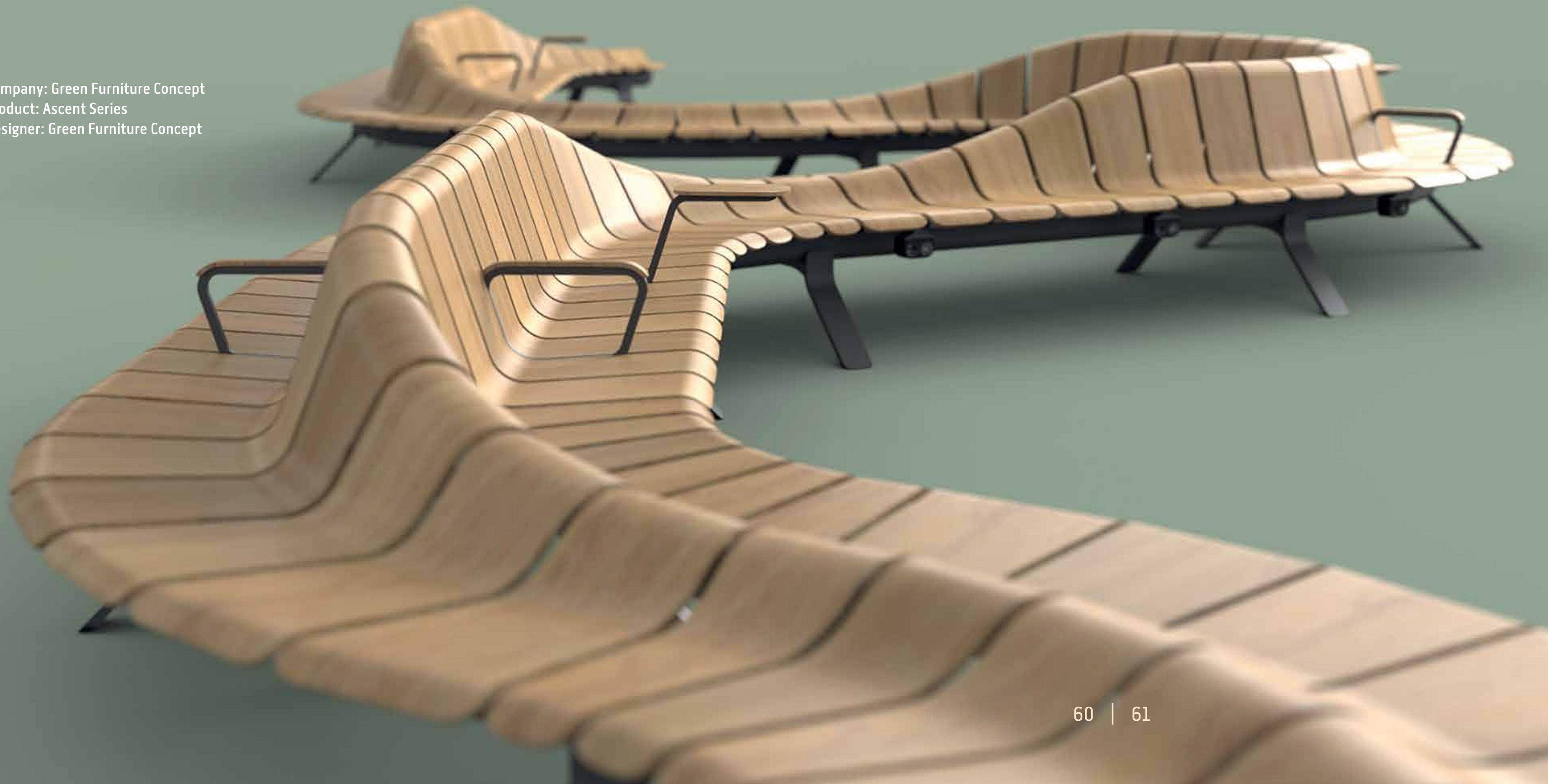
Best of both worlds

Comfortable active clusters with contained personal space and acoustic shelter. New generation furniture. Special pieces to help define focal points and invoke a sense of joy and vitality.





Company: Green Furniture Concept  
Product: Ascent Series  
Designer: Green Furniture Concept





Just being ourselves—only better



Company: Nikari  
Product: Arkitecture Table and Trestle Legs  
Designer: Kari Virtanen



Company: Abstracta  
Product: Trumpet Light  
Designer: Stone Designs



Company: Nikari  
Product: April Tables  
Designer: Alfredo Häberli





Company: Abstracta  
Product: Sky  
Designer: Stefan Borselius

Company: Lammhults  
Product: Teius  
Designer: Andrés Nilson











Company: Materia  
Product: Alto  
Designer: Mattias Stenberg



Company: Lammhults  
Product: Aperi  
Designer: Julia Läufer and Marcus Keichel





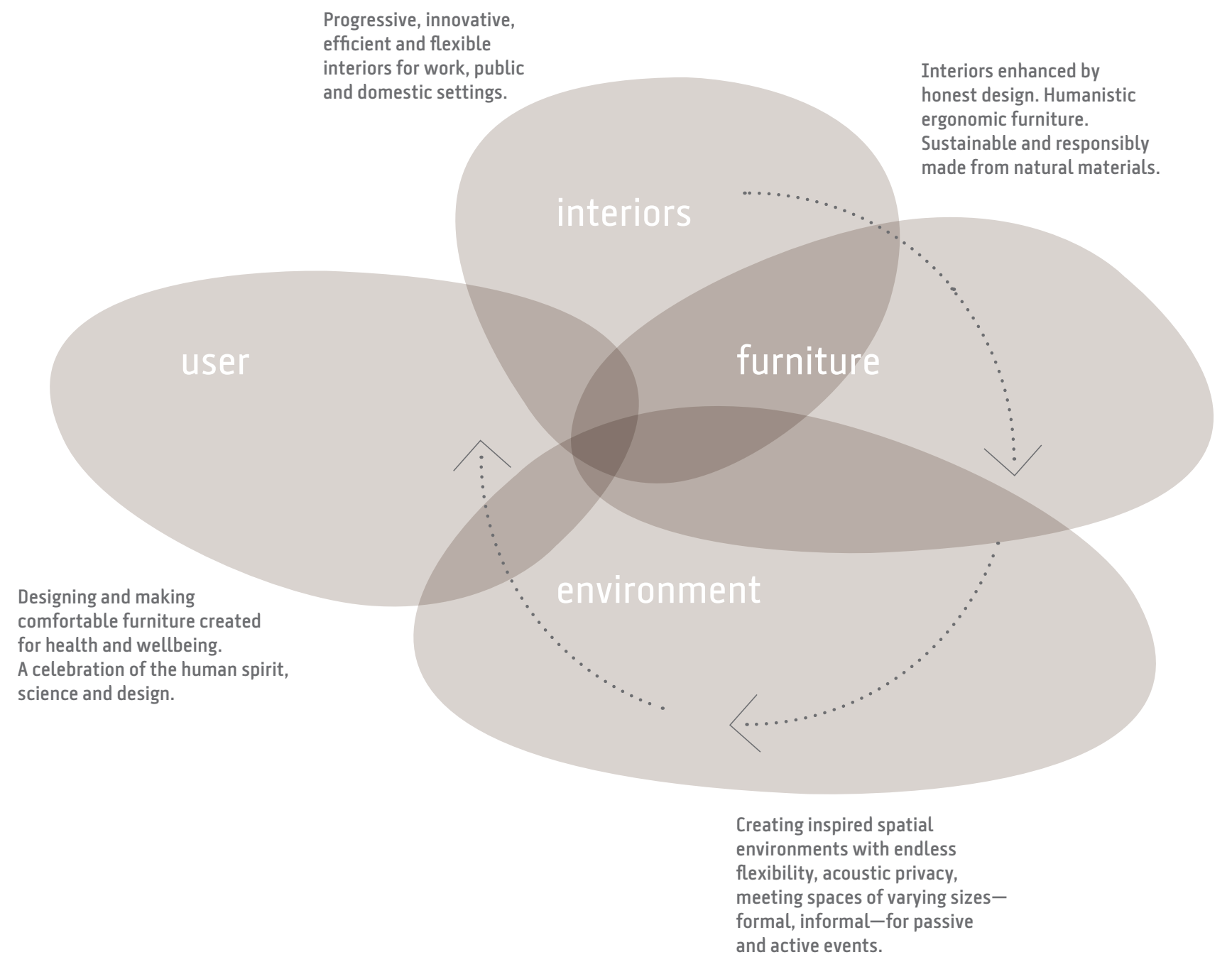
Company: Nordic Care  
Product: Twist  
Designer: Madeleine Nelson

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core principles:

- 1..... product knowledge
- 2..... product portfolio
- 3..... biophilic design
- 4..... user wellbeing
- 5..... environmental sustainability

A holistic process  
From interior planning  
to user experience



### K5 business values and conduct

K5 Furniture is a participating member of the United Nations Global Compact. As such, we acknowledge that corporate sustainability starts with a company's value system and a principle-based approach to business. Our business conduct is defined by 10 principles:

### Human rights

Principle 1: business should support and respect the protection internationally of proclaimed human rights.

Principle 2: make sure they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

### Labour

Principle 3: business should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining.

Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour.

Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labour.

Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

### Environment

Principle 7: business should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges.

Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility.

Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

### Anti-corruption

Principle 10: business should work against corruption in all forms, including extortion and bribery.

## K5 circular economy

The circular economy offers a way to unite environmental sustainability with profitability.

Principle 1: preserve and enhance natural capital by, for example, selecting required natural resources wisely and choosing, wherever possible, technologies and processes that use renewable or better performing resources.

Principle 2: optimise resource yields, that is to say, design for manufacturing, refurbishing, and recycling to keep components and materials circulating in, and contributing to the economy.

Principle 3: foster system effectiveness by designing out 'negative external impacts' such as reducing damage to human unity, and managing externalities, such as land use, air, water and noise pollution, release of toxic substances, and climate change.

More and more people want to make sustainable choices. As one of Australia's leading suppliers of interior solutions, we achieve these demands by adopting the following steps in the circular economy processes.

