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Discover the many faces of Huma

Mario Ruiz

The inventor of the first swivel chair was Thomas Jefferson. Yes, that very same Thomas Jefferson who was the third president of the United States. The year was 1775. He took an English-style Windsor chair and connected its top and bottom by using a central iron spindle, enabling the seat to swivel on wheels similar to those of sash windows. If Jefferson did it with a wooden chair, why would not give rattan a chance?

And so we did. We chose **Huma**, the distinctive shell-shaped armchair designed by Mario Ruiz, and we got down to imagining all the different possibilities it offered. Would it look fine with metal legs? Would it still work if we included a rotary system? What if use solid wood instead of rattan in the legs? Would it be possible to replace the rattan rods in its backrest with foam? In short, would Huma resist the versatility proof?

It did more than that. It passed the exam with flying colours. Six different versions emerged from the primitive design, all of them capable of seamless integration in modern work environments, either at the office or at home. Some of them keep their original rattan backrest; others replace it with an internal structure of steel covered with cold-cured moulded polyurethane foam. And, in turn, they can be combined with steel and beech wood legs or a swivel base.

Huma thus unfolds its transformative potential and reveals itself as our most chameleonic piece to date. Unmasked during the past edition of Orgatec Cologne, the versions of **Huma** will occupy again a prominent place in our stand for M&O Paris, together with the **Team** free standing shelf, which was recently incorporated as well to the original collection designed by Mario Ruiz.

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Huma with rattan backrest and swivel base

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Year: 2017

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