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# La Cividina Seating System Designed by Ben van Berkel

*Node+ is a fluid and flexible micro-architecture for homes and public spaces. The video interview with the Dutch architect*



17/09/2021 - A fluid and flexible micro-architecture to be interpreted in total freedom: **LaCividina** presents the **Node+ seating system**, the project designed by **Ben van Berkel** / UNStudio and developed by UNSx (the Dutch firm's team of researchers). In a video interview made during the Supersalone, the architect talked about his first collection created for LaCividina.



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Node+ is an ambitious system that is designed to cater to people's needs and adapt to suit the countless activities that they carry out every day. The look of the intricate, complex project is suitable for both homes and public spaces and offers a blend of privacy, work, recreation, relaxation and socializing.

### **The micro-architectural evolution of island sofas**

With Node+, the concept of island sofas has evolved into micro-architectural systems that can redefine spaces. Padded pieces form the cornerstone for the creation of complex arrangements that satisfy all of the needs of living rooms and public spaces: seclusion and protection are provided by the divider panels; relaxed postures are encouraged by armrests, backrests and cushions that can be positioned freely to suit individual seating needs; the desk can be used for working; and the tables provide additional support for all kinds of items, including laptops.



### **Hugely varied shapes and aesthetic options**

All of the padded pieces are supported by a wooden base with an understated design and have full, smooth outlines. The selection of rectangular, square and semicircle shapes means that they can be arranged in all sorts of ways, from simple linear sofas to more complex compositions, including two-sided ones. Two different types of dividers are available: wooden slats with an Oriental flavour to offer a little privacy; and padded partitions for acoustic insulation.

### **Comfort and practicality for homes and public spaces**

Fusing comfort and practicality, the development process for Node+ revolved around people and their needs. As well as being ideal for all activities that take place in the home – from relaxing to working – it is also perfect for public spaces, where lots of different people all come together, each with their own specific requirements. The design encapsulates the spirit of our time, fluidly and flexibly reflecting our lifestyles.







