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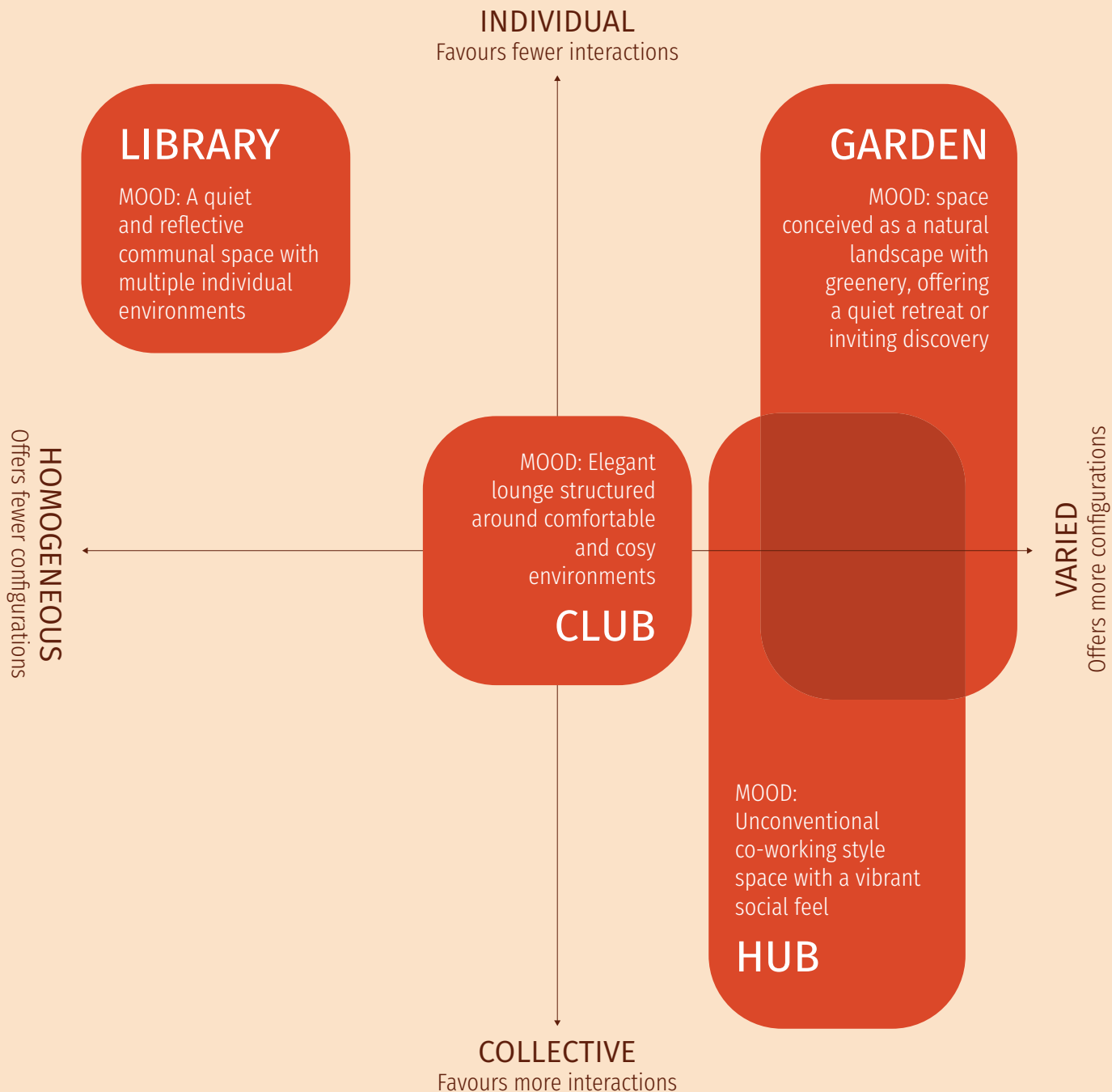
Workcafé & Co.

Work has moved away from traditional office-centric models towards a fluid integration of various environments, including third places such as cafés, pubs, and bookstores, which have come to shape employees' expectations on their offices. Hybrid Commons, particularly Workcafés, are a new type of office space that addresses these changing needs and they are rapidly gaining traction.

Workcafés aim to provide a relaxed environment where employees can focus, collaborate, meet, and socialise, offering a change of scenery from traditional workstations and, most importantly, fostering a sense of community.



If you want to dive deeper into the research behind this publication and understand how third places are shaping the office, you can read and download the **“Workcafé & Co.”** research report.



Workcafé Archetypes Moods

Central to the success of Workcafé design is the creation of a space that feels starkly different from both the traditional office and home office spaces. Moreover, a good Workcafé should provide a wide range of settings, from public areas for spontaneous interactions to private nooks for focused work or confidential discussions. This variety allows employees to pick the most suitable environment for their current task or mood, thus enhancing employee engagement.

However, not all Workcafés follow the same recipe. The analysis of new workspaces has identified four main Workcafé archetypes: the hub, club, library, and garden. Each of them features unique characteristics and a distinctive mood. As presented in the graphic on the left, an archetype can be chosen instead of another to match specific work needs and organisational cultures.



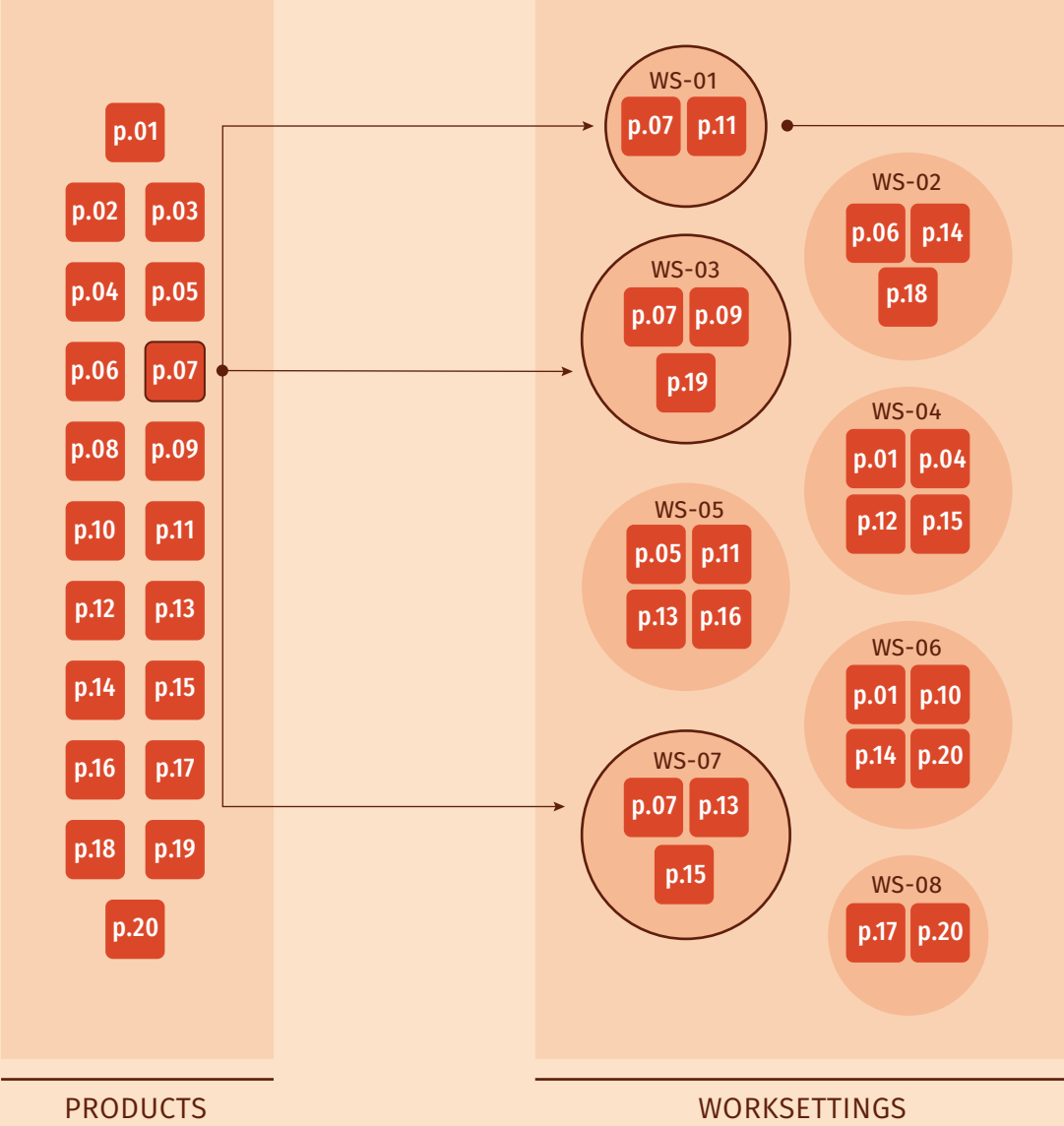
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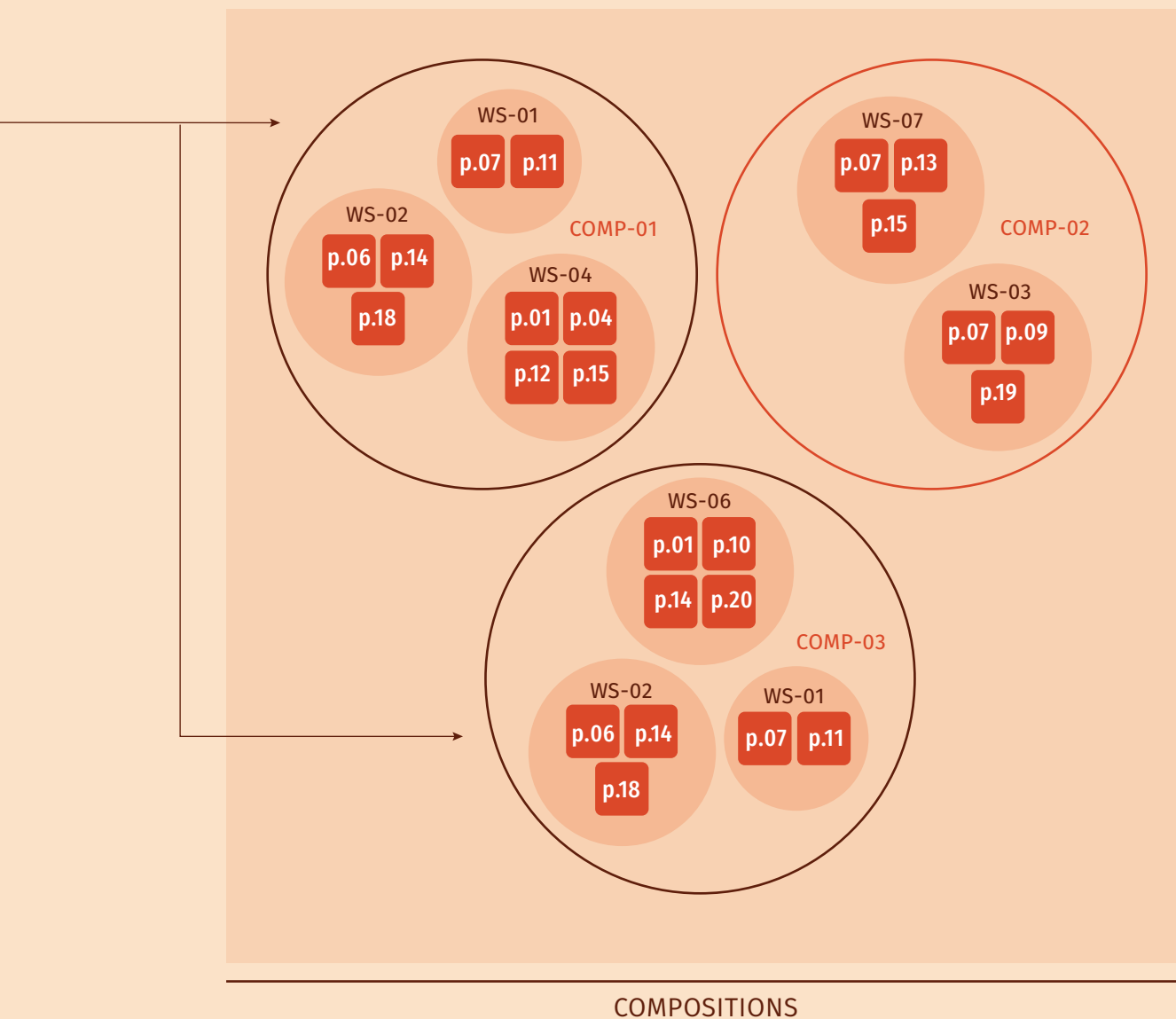
This document offers guidance on effectively designing Workcafés capable of flexibly catering to different client needs. It aims to familiarise readers with Workcafé products, worksettings, and compositions to facilitate the implementation of codified solutions and the creation of new ones.

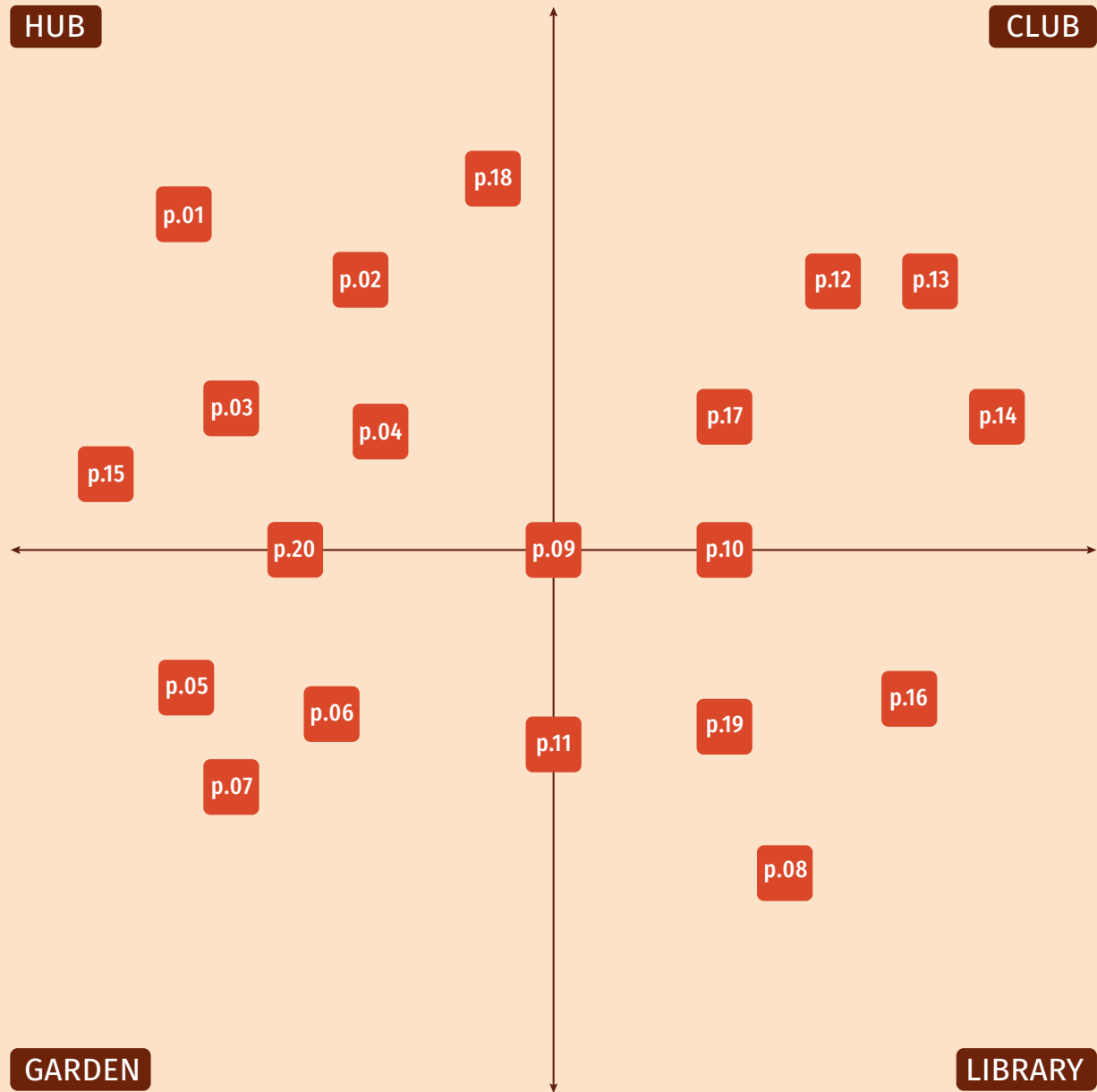
The following pages present the work structure of this Applications Brochure, and describe each classification step in detail. This section is then followed by four chapters, one per archetype. Each chapter contains:

- a description of the Workcafé archetype and its key features
- a visual map of the products deemed more suitable for that archetype
- three example compositions, one per size (Small, Medium, Large) with their list of worksettings and products

WORKCAFÉ APPLICATIONS WORK STRUCTURE





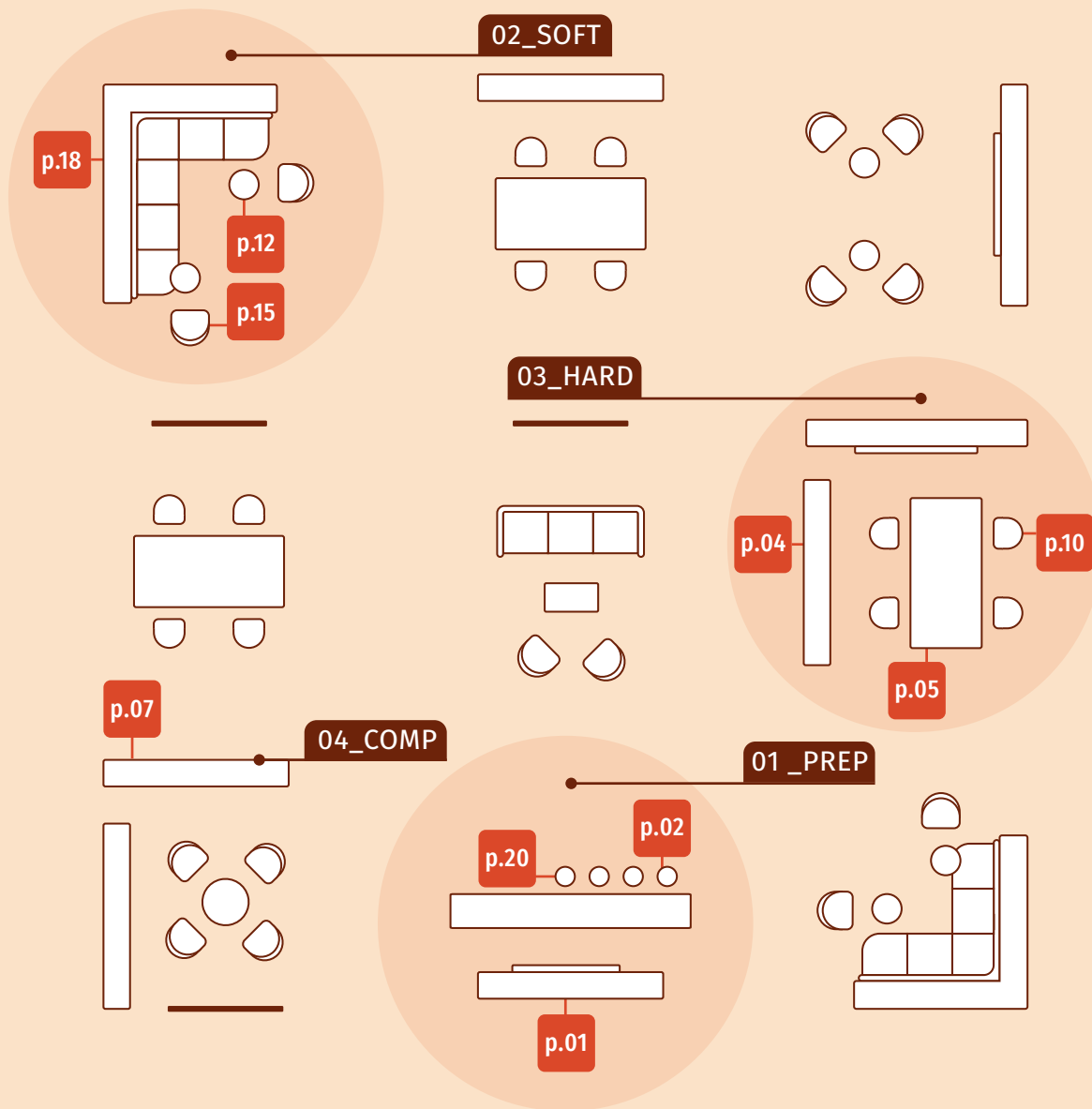


PRODUCTS

First, Sedus products were clustered based on the type of archetype that they represented best, paying attention to the unique features of each Workcafé archetype.

This categorisation included products designed for the Workcafé (New Arrivals), as well as those already present in the Sedus catalogue.

In some instances, the same products suited the needs of more than one, or even all, Workcafés (e.g. se:café bar). When this was the case, they were assigned to all the relevant archetypes.



WORKSETTINGS

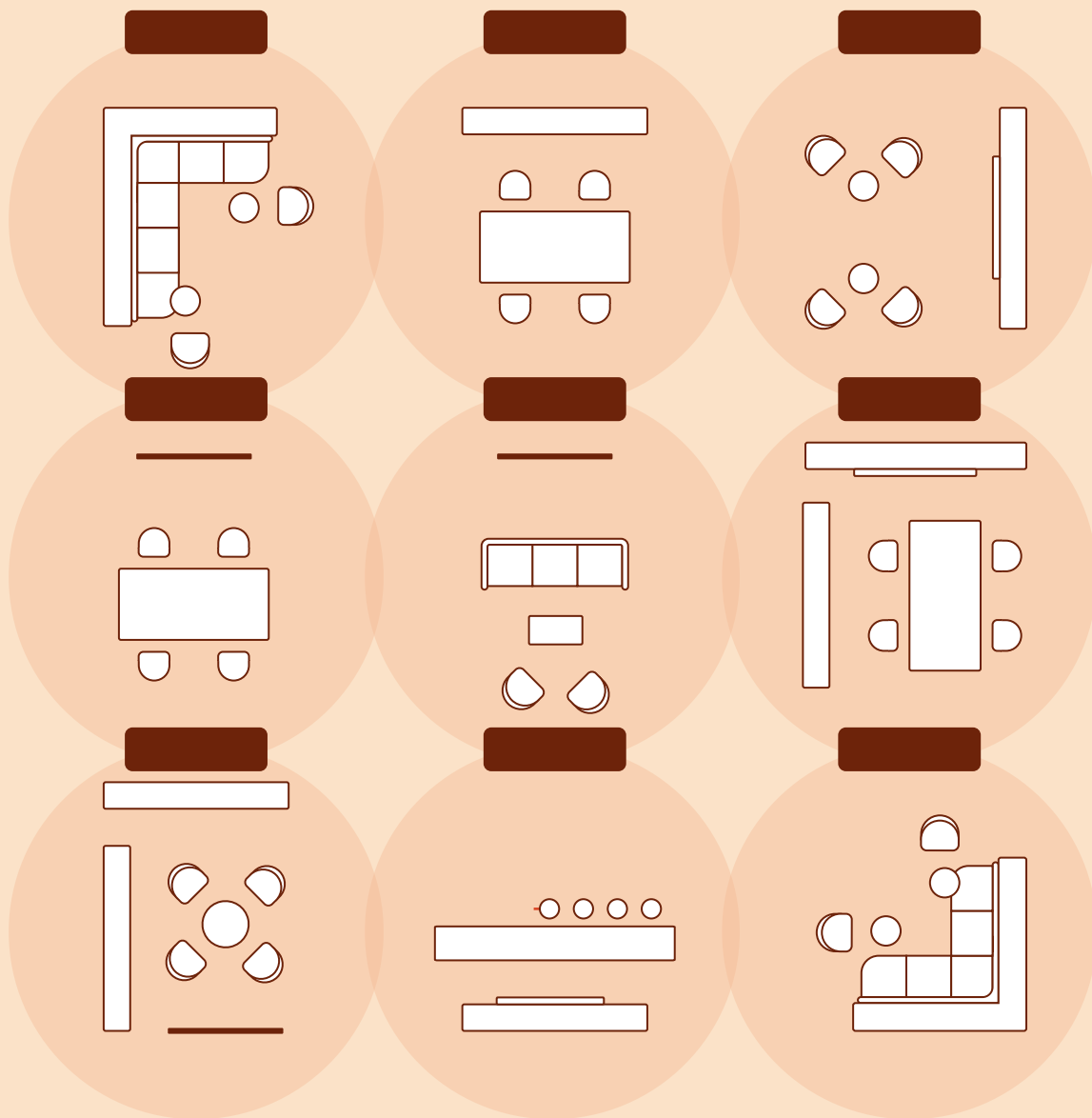
Subsequently, worksettings were defined and products were assigned to each worksetting. In a well-designed Workcafé, there are four types of worksetting:

01 PREP. These worksettings focus on the coffee preparation area. They include: kitchen furniture, counters, stools, etc.

02 SOFT. These fittings define the areas mainly consisting of upholstered furniture: sofas, armchairs, coffee tables, etc.

03 HARD. These worksettings are mainly composed of: tables, chairs, stools, etc.

04 COMP. These are the furnishings that complement all the aforementioned settings within a composition.



COMPOSITIONS

Compositions were defined as the final output of this categorisation process and worksettings were assigned to each composition.

As the examples presented in this document testify, each composition has a different distribution of hard and soft worksettings as one or the other type may be most suited for the archetype that the composition represents.

There are three composition sizes:

Small: ~35 m²

Medium: ~50 m²

Large: ~80 m²



HUB Workcafé

Hubs can accommodate all work modalities. They are designed for community interactions, with the bar counter as the focal point. The space layout highly favours socialisation and connection. There are dedicated spaces for public events and community activities. This type of Workcafé is a vibrant and unconventional mix-and-match.

Time of use	Permanent
People	Community, Teams, Team, Solo
Privacy	Public, Semipublic, Semiprivate
Working modes	All the 4Cs, particularly Informal Solo, Informal Working, Teamworking, Socialising, Crossroads, Presentation, Relax

Furniture and equipment	Prevalent: bench tables with chairs and stools, round tables with chairs, high tables and high coffee tables with stools Secondary: sofas and armchairs, free-standing bookcases.
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HUB PRODUCTS

01_PREP



se:café bar wall module and room divider



se:café bar island



se:café soft stool



se:spot stool

02_SOFT



se:café soft lounge chair



se:café wooden lounge chair



se:living



se:dot

03_HARD



se:café high diner



se:café bench



se:café soft chair



se:café soft stool



se:mood



se:assist update



se:flair



mastermind high desk

04_COMP



se:matrix shelving module



se:matrix shelving module light



se:lab mobile elements



se:assist update



se:lounge light



on spot cosy



se:tea



on spot



se:café wooden chair



se:café team table



se:works



se:spot



on spot



on spot cosy



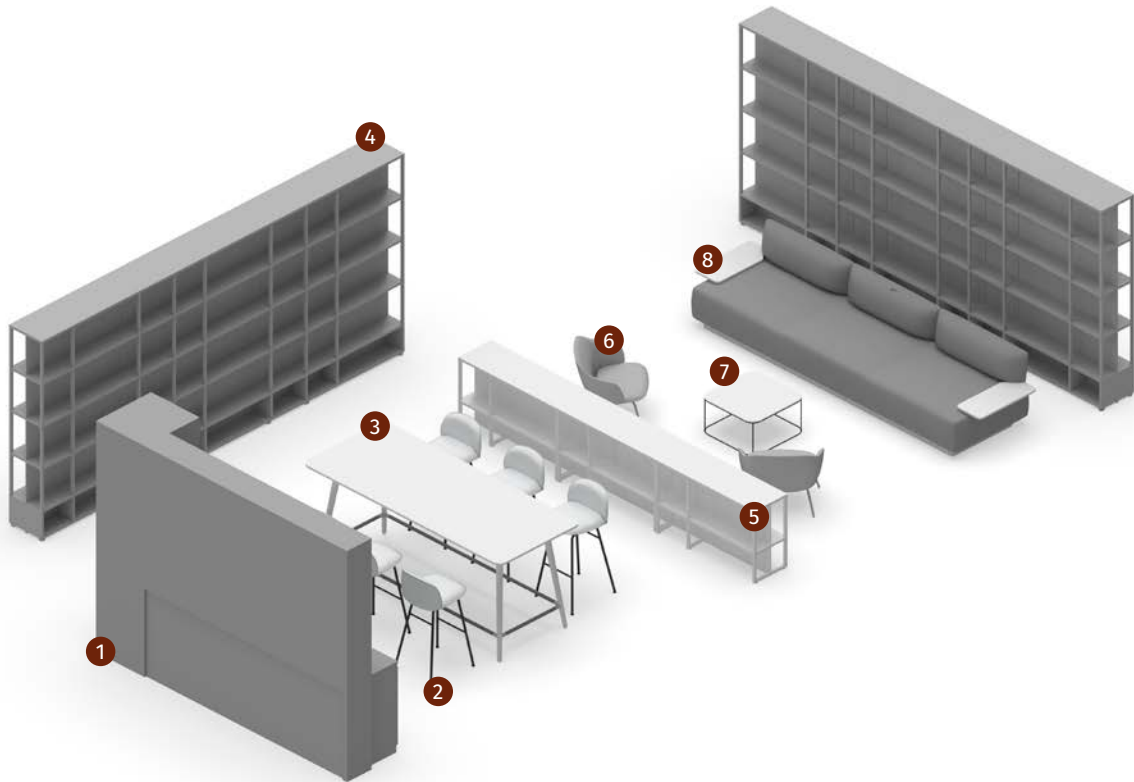
se:lab desk



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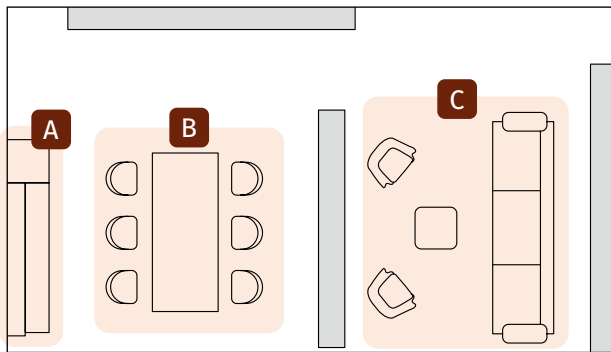
HUB APPLICATIONS | Example Small

HUB_SMALL_01



Composition

Worksettings



A Hub_Prep_01

B Hub_Hard_01

C Hub_Soft_01

 Hub_Comp

Products

1 1× se:café bar wall module and room divider

2 6× se:café soft stool

3 1× mastermind high desk 2400×900

4 2× se:matrix shelving module 4300×400×2000

5 1× se:matrix shelving module light 3600×400×700

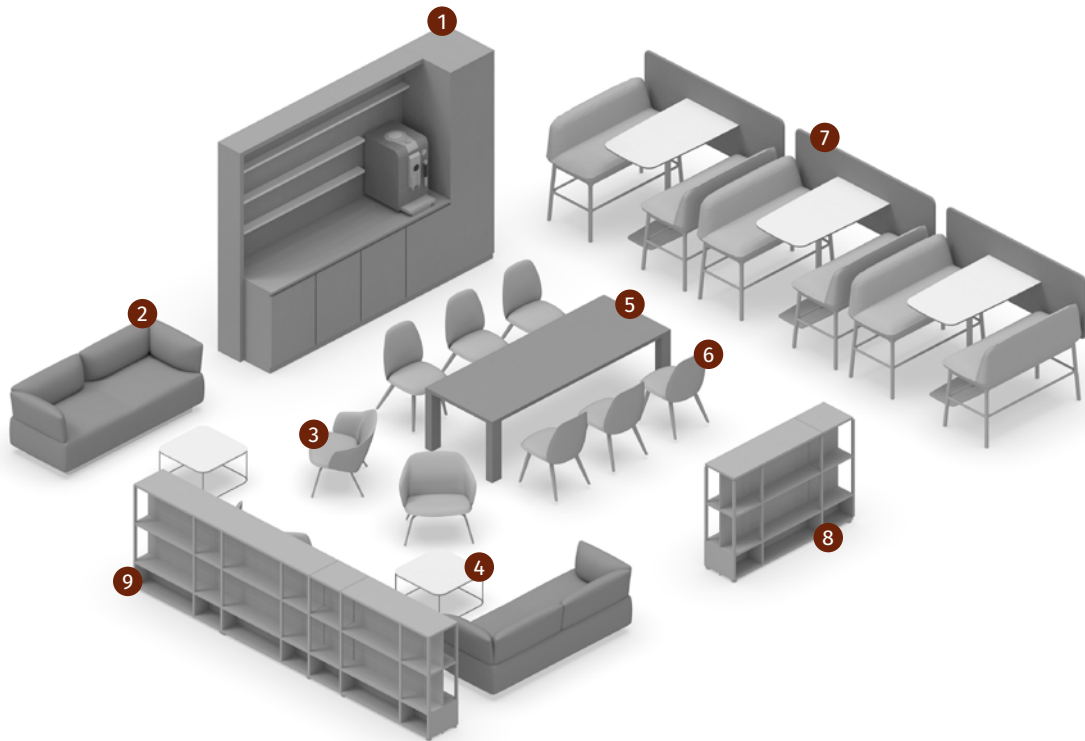
6 2× se:café soft chair

7 1× se:living lounge table square h350 l650

8 1× se:living sofa 3 seater 900 depth

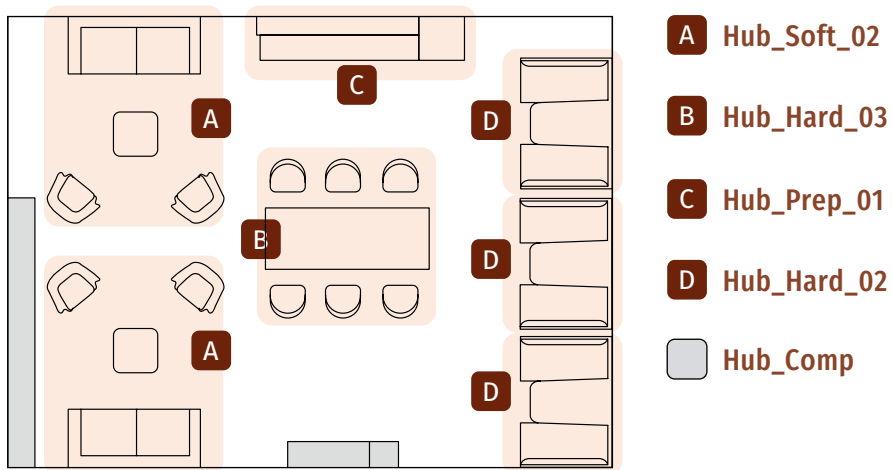
HUB APPLICATIONS | Example Medium

HUB_MEDIUM_01



Composition

Worksettings

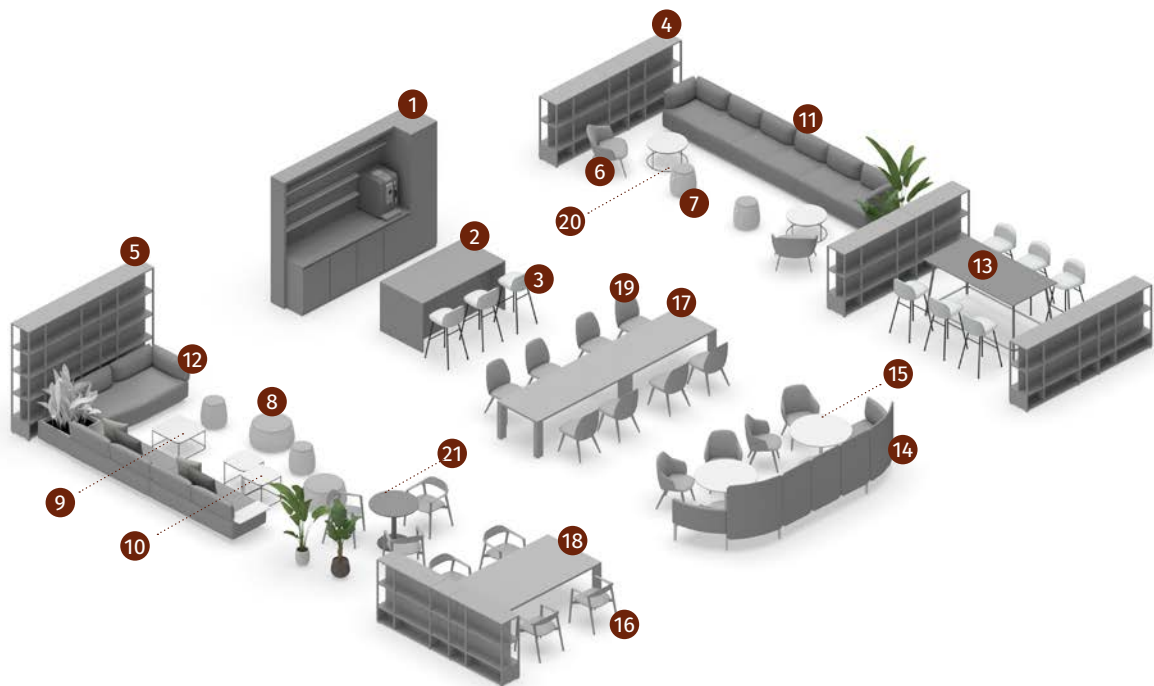


Products

- 1 1× se:café bar wall module and room divider
- 2 2× se:living sofa 2 seater 810 depth
- 3 4× se:café soft lounge chair
- 4 2× se:living lounge table square h350 l650
- 5 1× se:café team table 2400×900
- 6 6× se:café soft chair
- 7 3× se:café high diner
- 8 1× se:matrix shelving module 1600×400×1200
- 9 1× se:matrix shelving module 4000×400×1200

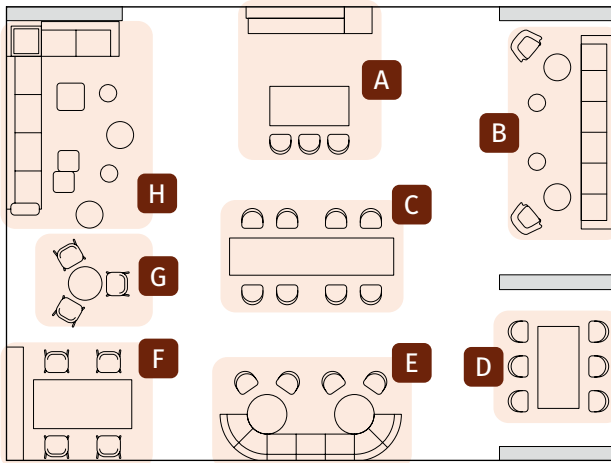
HUB APPLICATIONS | Example Large

HUB_LARGE_01



Composition

Worksettings



A Hub_Prep_02

B Hub_Soft_05

C Hub_Hard_04

D Hub_Hard_01

E Hub_Hard_08

F Hub_Hard_07

G Hub_Hard_06

H Hub_Soft_04

 Hub_Comp

Products

1 1× se:café bar wall module and room divider

2 1× se:café bar island 1900×900

3 9× se:café soft stool

4 4× se:matrix shelving module 2800×400×1200

5 1× se:matrix shelving module 2800×400×2000

6 6× se:café soft lounge chair

7 3× se:dot 430×450

8 2× se:dot 730×390

9 1× se:living lounge table square h350 l650

10 2× se:living lounge table square h450 l500

11 1× se:living sofa custom configuration

12 1× se:living sofa custom configuration

13 1× mastermind high desk 1800×900

14 1× se:works

15 2× se:assist Ø1000

16 7× se:café wooden chair

17 2× se:café team table 2000×900

18 1× se:café team table 2400×1200

19 8× se:café soft chair

20 2× se:living lounge table round h450 l500

21 1× se:assist update 800×740



CLUB

Workcafé

Clubs can accommodate all work modalities. They are designed to ensure privacy and the possibility of isolating or finding an intimate spot in a shared space. They are comprised of many different furniture types arranged in both formal and informal work configurations. The bar counter is visible but not central. This type of Workcafé is elegant and resembles a business lounge.

Time of use	Permanent
People	Team, Solo
Privacy	Semipublic, Semiprivate, Private
Working modes	All the 4Cs, particularly Informal Solo, Informal Working, Teamworking, Socialising, Crossroads, Discretion, Confidential, Relax
Furniture and equipment	Prevalent: sofas and armchairs, coffee tables and free-standing bookcases. Secondary: dining tables and soft seating with armrests

CLUB PRODUCTS

01_PREP



se:café bar wall module and
room divider



se:café bar island



se:café soft stool



se:spot stool

02_SOFT



se:café soft lounge chair



se:café wooden lounge chair



se:living



se:living armchair



on spot



sweetspot



se:dot

03_HARD



se:café team table



se:café soft chair



se:assist update



se:café wooden chair

04_COMP



se:matrix shelving module



se:matrix shelving module light



se:assist update



se:lounge



se:lounge light



se:tea



on spot cosy



se:works



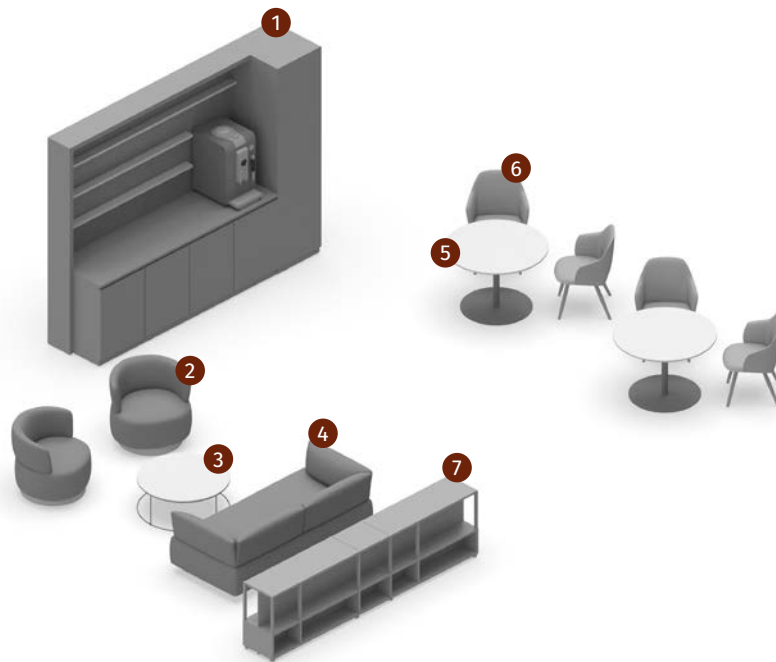
mastermind



get together

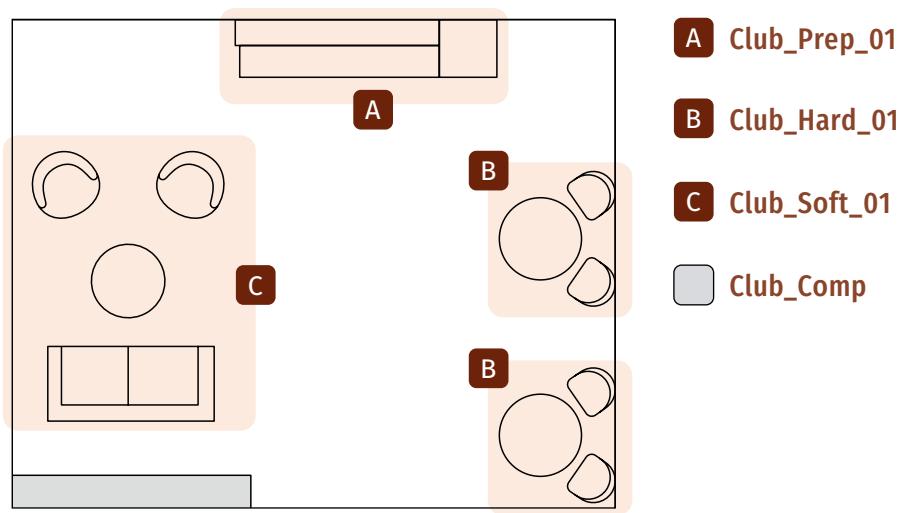
CLUB APPLICATIONS | Example Small

CLUB_SMALL_01



Composition

Worksettings

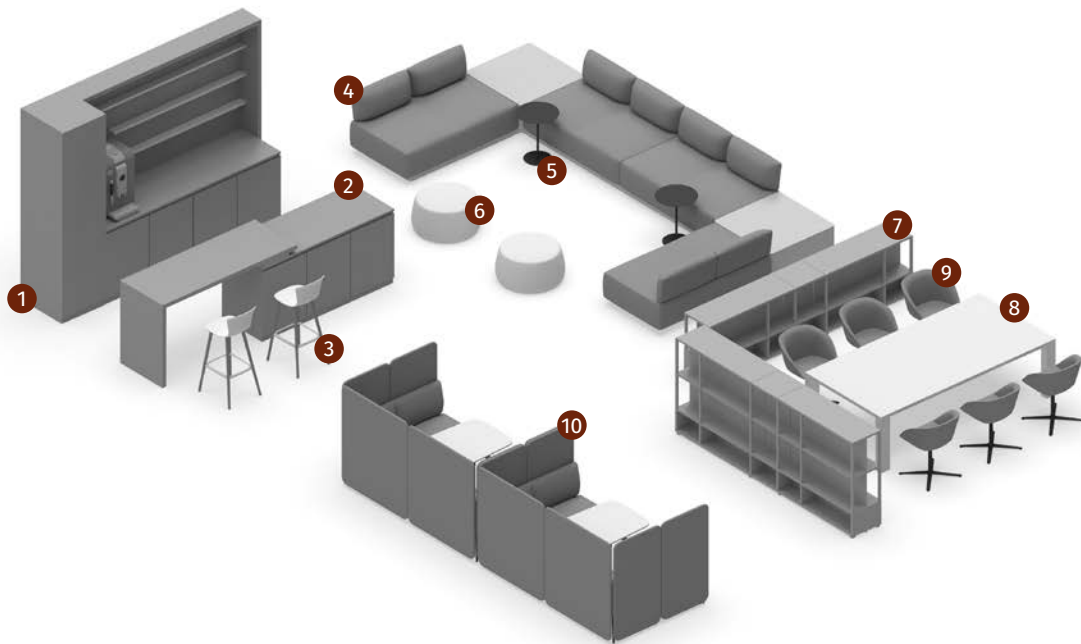


Products

- 1 1× se:café bar wall module and room divider
- 2 2× se:living armchair
- 3 1× se:living lounge table round *h350 l650*
- 4 1× se:living sofa 2 seater *900 depth*
- 5 2× se:assist $\varnothing 1000$
- 6 4× se:café soft chair
- 7 1× se:matrix shelving module *2800×800*

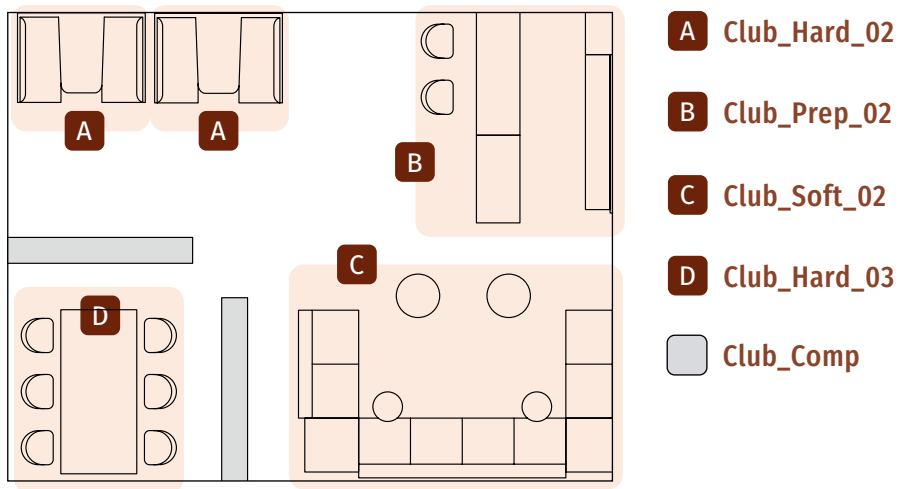
CLUB APPLICATIONS | Example Medium

CLUB_MEDIUM_01



Composition

Worksettings

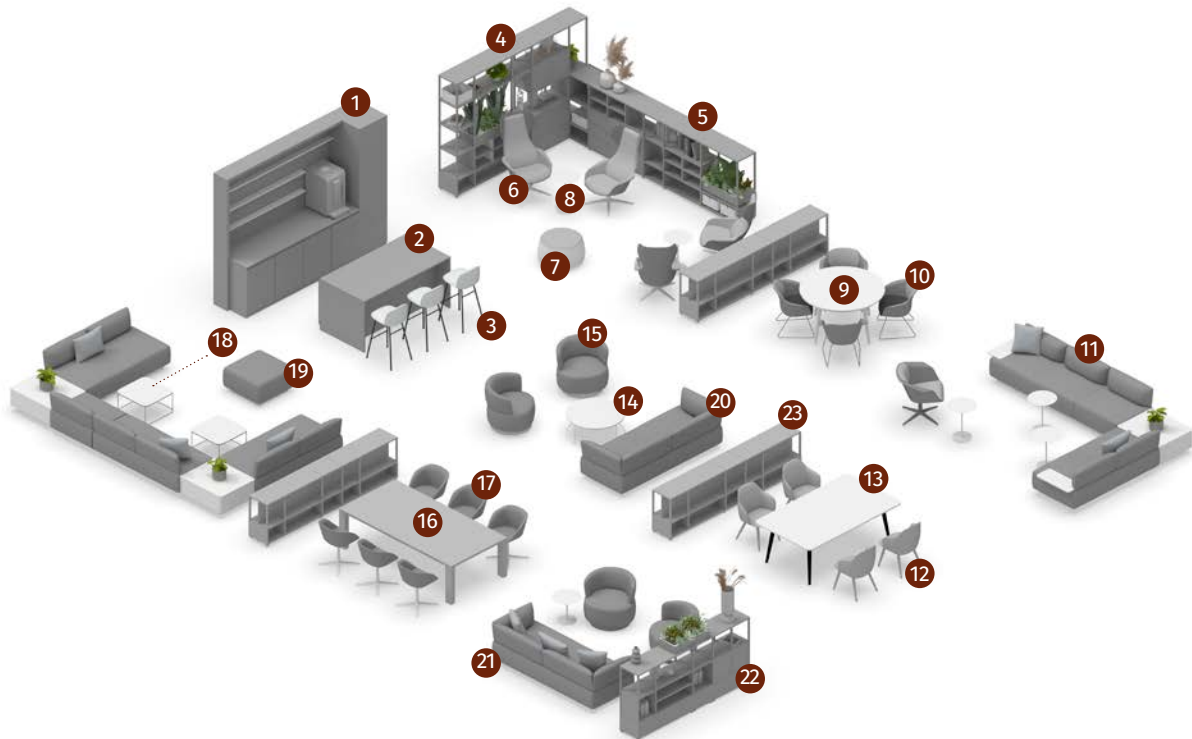


Products

- 1 1× se:café bar wall module and room divider
- 2 1× se:café bar island 3200×600
- 3 2× se:spot stool
- 4 1× se:living sofa *custom configuration*
- 5 2× se:tea Ø450 h490
- 6 2× se:dot 730×390
- 7 2× se:matrix shelving module 2800×400×800
- 8 1× se:café team table 2400×1200
- 9 6× on spot cosy
- 10 2× se:works diner

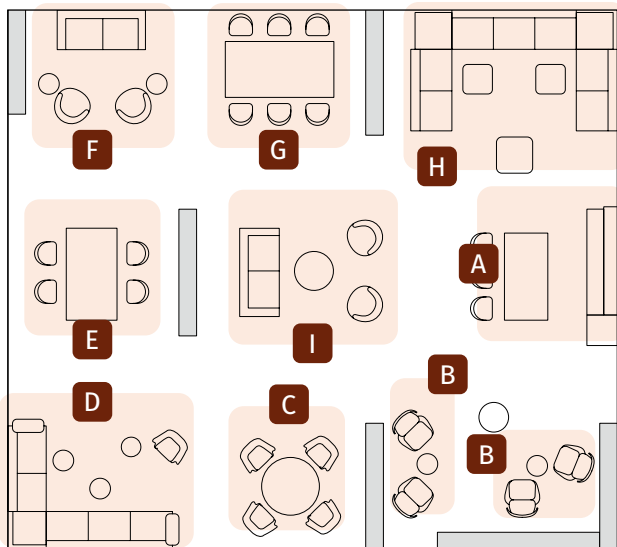
CLUB APPLICATIONS | Example Large

CLUB_LARGE_01



Composition

Worksettings



A Club_Prep_03

B Club_Soft_07

C Club_Hard_07

D Club_Soft_08

E Club_Hard_06

F Club_Soft_06

G Club_Hard_03

H Club_Soft_05

I Club_Soft_01

 Club_Comp

Products

1 1× se:café bar wall module and room divider

2 1× se:café bar island 1900×900

3 3× se:café soft stool

4 1× se:matrix shelving module 2800×400×2000

5 1× se:matrix shelving module 3600×400×1200

6 4× se:lounge

7 1× se:dot large 730×390

8 7× se:tea Ø450 h560

9 1× mastermind table round Ø1300

10 5× se:lounge light

11 1× se:living sofa *custom configuration*

12 4× se:café soft chair

13 1× mastermind conference table 2000×1200

14 1× se:living lounge table round h350 l650

15 4× se:living armchair

16 1× se:café team table 2400×1200

17 6× on spot cosy

18 2× se:living lounge table square h350 l650

19 1× se:living pouf

20 1× se:living sofa 3 seater 900 depth

21 1× se:living sofa 2 seater 900 depth

22 1× se:matrix shelving module 2300×400×1200

23 3× se:matrix shelving module 2800×400×800



LIBRARY

Workcafé

Libraries can accommodate all work modalities. They are designed to favour concentrated work, with little interaction. They feature a highly regular layout, often with parallel or linear space organisations. Libraries resemble the quiet and calm settings of some street cafés.

Time of use	Permanent
People	Team, Small Groups, Solo
Privacy	Semiprivate, Private
Working modes	All the 4Cs, particularly Focus, Informal Solo, Informal Working, Discretion, Confidential, Relax, Crossroads

Furniture and equipment Prevalent: square or round tables with chairs, library tables with chairs. Secondary: sofas, armchairs, coffee tables, movable free-standing bookcases

LIBRARY PRODUCTS

01_PREP



se:café bar wall module and room divider



se:café bar island



se:café soft stool



se:spot stool

02_SOFT



se:café soft lounge chair



se:café wooden lounge chair



se:dot



se:lounge

03_HARD



se:café high diner



se:café soft chair



se:café soft stool



se:café wooden chair



se:mood



se:assist update



get together



mastermind high desk

04_COMP



se:matrix shelving module



se:matrix shelving module light



se:lab mobile elements



se:assist update



se:lounge light



se:living



on spot cosy



se:flair



se:café team table



se:works



se:lab meet & stand



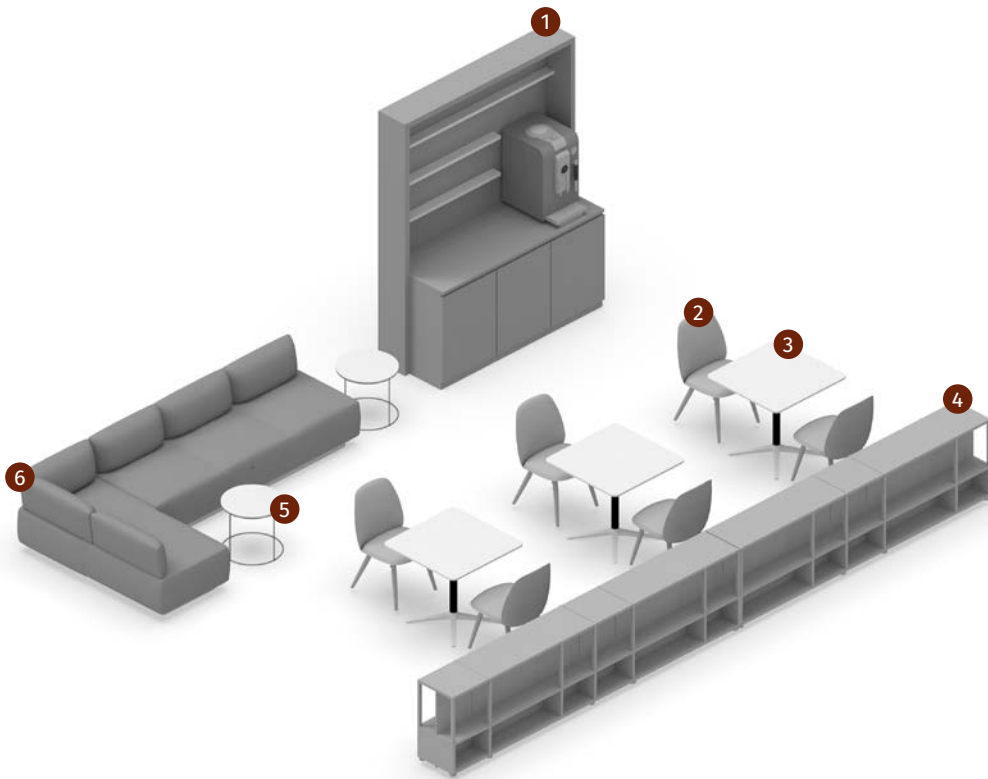
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meet table

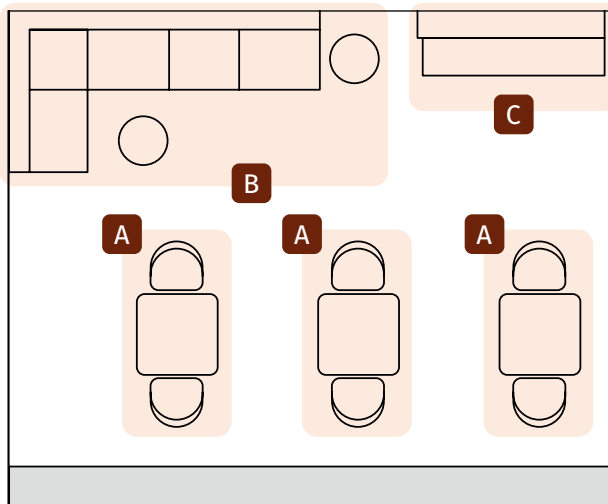
LIBRARY APPLICATIONS | Example Small

LIBRARY_SMALL_01



Composition

Worksettings



A Library_Hard_01

B Library_Soft_01

C Library_Prep_01

Library_Comp

Products

1 1× se:café bar wall module and room divider

2 6× se:café soft chair

3 3× meet table 800×800

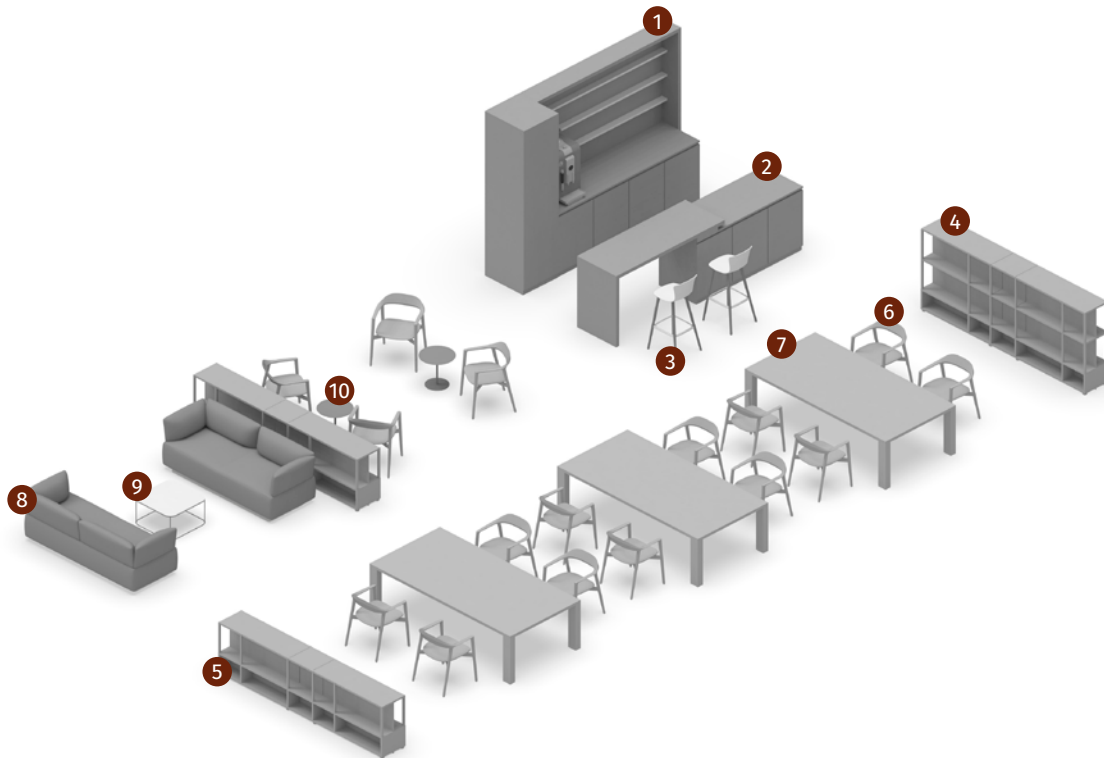
4 1× se:matrix shelving module 6000×400×800

5 2× se:living lounge table round h450 l500

6 1× se:living sofa *custom configuration*

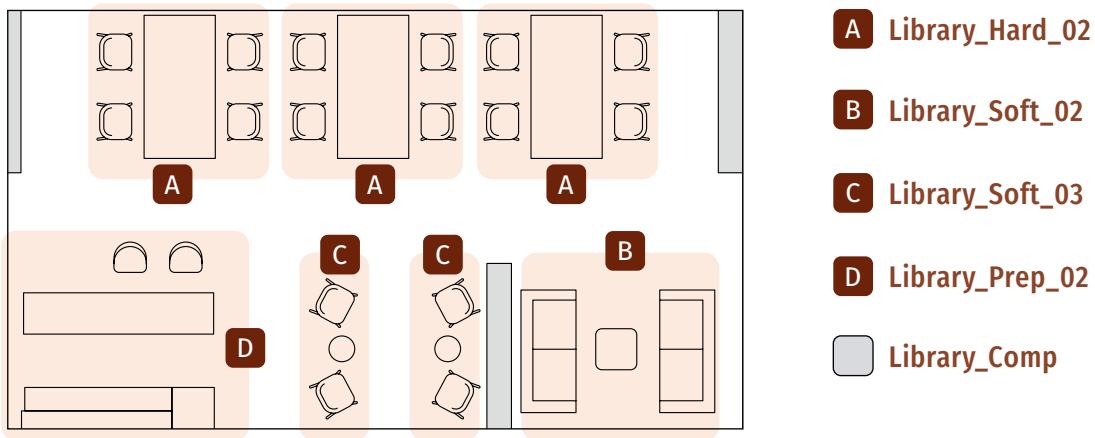
LIBRARY APPLICATIONS | Example Medium

LIBRARY_MEDIUM_01



Composition

Worksettings



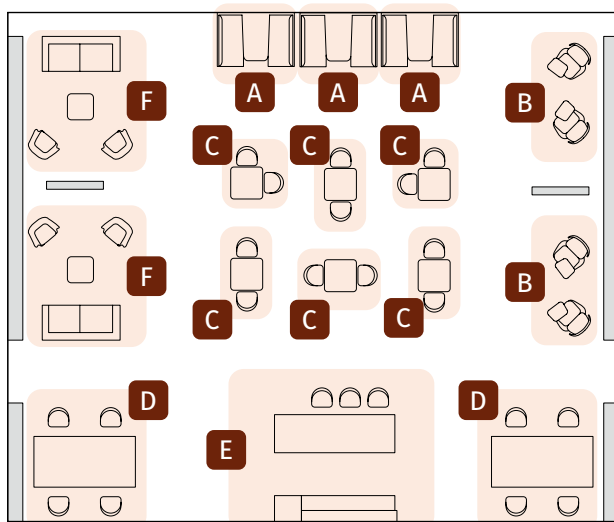
Products

- 1 1× se:café bar wall module and room divider
- 2 1× se:café bar island 3200×600
- 3 2× se:spot stool
- 4 1× se:matrix shelving module 2800×400×1200
- 5 2× se:matrix shelving module 2800×400×800
- 6 16× se:café wooden chair
- 7 3× se:café team table 2400×1200
- 8 2× se:living sofa 2 seater 810 depth
- 9 1× se:living lounge table square h350 l650
- 10 2× se:tea Ø450 h420

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Worksettings



A Library_Hard_03

B Library_Soft_05

C Library_Hard_01

D Library_Hard_02

E Library_Prep_03

F Library_Soft_04

 Library_Comp

Products

1 1x se:café bar wall module and room divider

2 1x se:café bar island 1900×900

3 3x se:café soft stool

4 2x se:café team table 2400×1200

5 8x se:café soft chair

6 2x se:matrix shelving module 2800×400×1200

7 2x se:matrix shelving module 7200×400×1200

8 2x se:living sofa 2 seater 810 depth

9 2x se:living lounge table square h350 l650

10 2x se:lab mobile planter

11 4x se:café soft lounge chair

12 3x se:café high diner

13 12x se:café soft chair

14 6x meet table 800×800

15 4x se:lounge



GARDEN

Workcafé

Gardens can accommodate all work modalities. They are retreat spaces inspired by biophilic principles, offering a variety of work configurations suited to different needs. This type of Workcafé features an organic layout, thoughtfully designed as a landscape that encourages exploration.

Time of use	Permanent
People	Team, Small Groups, Solo
Privacy	Semipublic, Semiprivate, Private
Working modes	All the 4Cs, particularly Focus, Informal Solo, Relax, Informal Working, Discretion, Confidential, Crossroads, Socialising
Furniture and equipment	Prevalent: plants and green walls, outdoor tables with armchairs and outdoor sofas. Secondary: movable green screens

GARDEN PRODUCTS

01_PREP

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se:café bar wall module and room divider



se:café bar island



se:café soft stool



se:spot stool

02_SOFT



se:café wooden lounge chair



se:dot



se:lab sofa



se:lab sofa single

03_HARD



se:café wooden chair



se:café team table



se:works



se:spot stool



se:assist update



se:lab meet & stand



se:lab island



se:spot

04_COMP



se:matrix shelving module light



se:lab mobile elements



se:assist update

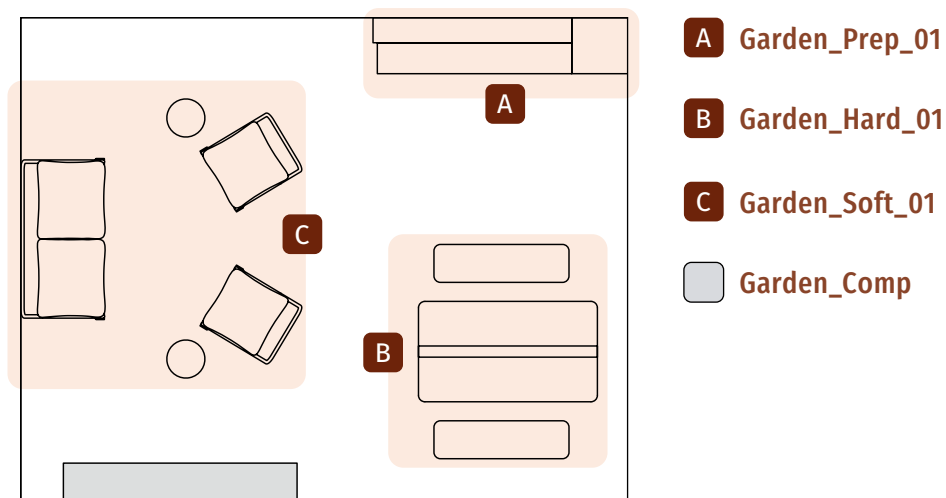
GARDEN APPLICATIONS | Example Small

GARDEN_SMALL_01



Composition

Worksettings

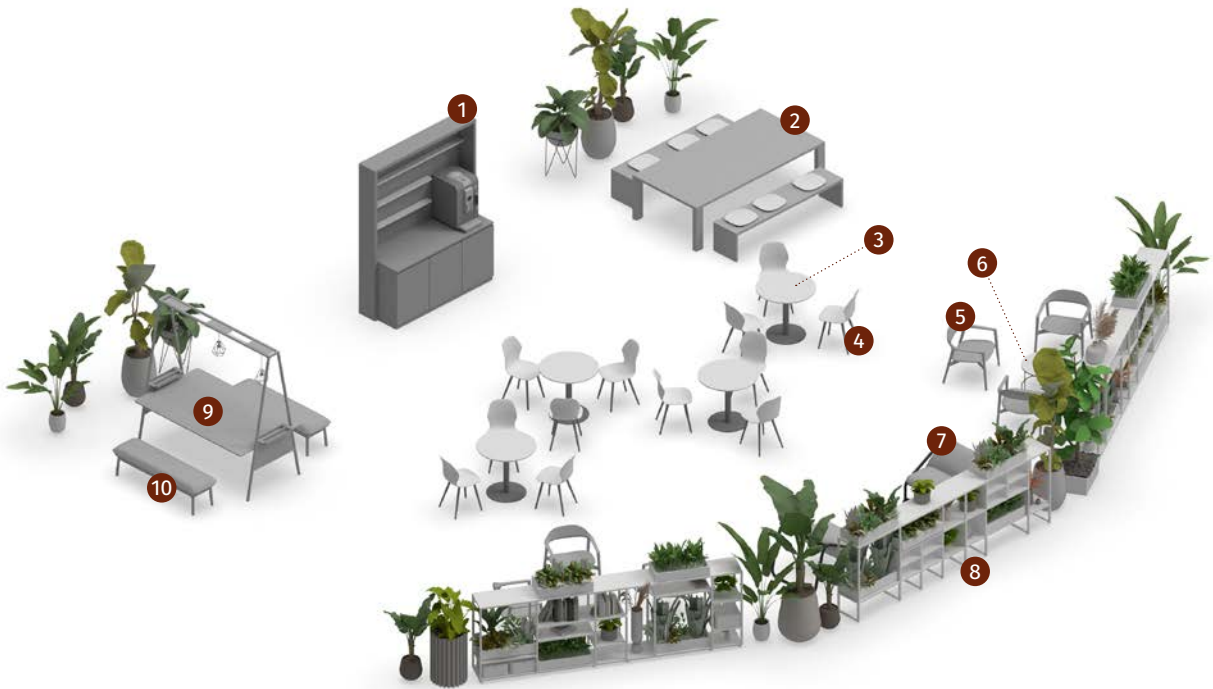


Products

- 1 1× se:café bar wall module and room divider
- 2 1× se:lab island
- 3 2× se:café bench
- 4 2× se:lab sofa single
- 5 2× se:tea Ø450 h560
- 6 1× se:matrix shelving module light 2800×400×2000
- 7 1× se:lab sofa

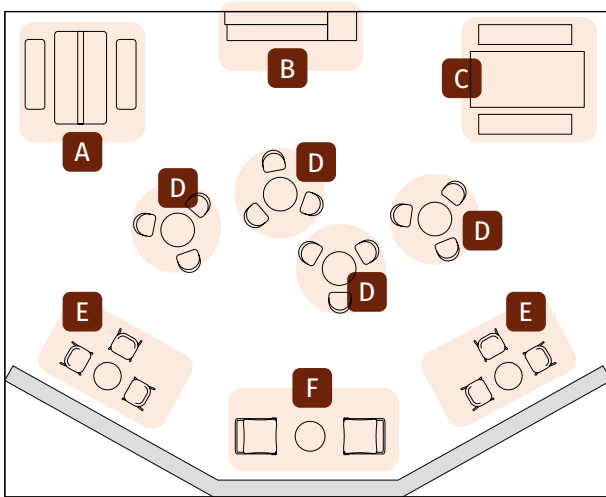
GARDEN APPLICATIONS | Example Medium

GARDEN_MEDIUM_01



Composition

Worksettings



- A** Garden_Hard_01
- B** Garden_Prep_02
- C** Garden_Hard_03
- D** Garden_Hard_04
- E** Garden_Soft_04
- F** Garden_Soft_03
- Garden_Comp**

Products

- 1 1x se:café bar wall module and room divider
- 2 1x se:café team table 2400×1200
- 3 4x se:assist update 800×740
- 4 12x se:spot
- 5 6x se:café wooden chair
- 6 3x se:living lounge table round h350 l650
- 7 2x se:lab sofa single
- 8 3x se:matrix shelving module light 3600×400×1200
- 9 1x se:lab island
- 10 2x se:café bench

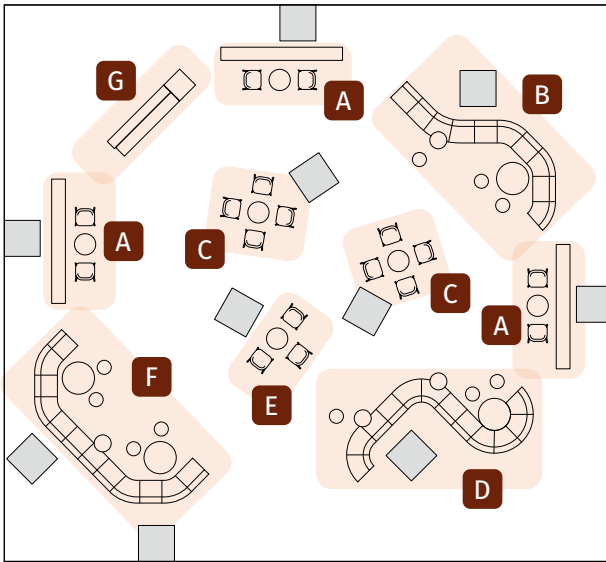
GARDEN APPLICATIONS | Example Large

GARDEN_LARGE_01



Composition

Worksettings



A Garden_Soft_05

B Garden_Hard_06

C Garden_Soft_02

D Garden_Hard_07

E Garden_Soft_06

F Garden_Hard_05

G Garden_Prep_01

 Garden_Comp

Products

- 1 1× se:café bar wall module and room divider
- 2 3× se:matrix shelving module light 3600×400×1200
- 3 17× se:café wooden chair
- 4 6× se:living lounge table round h350 l650

- 5 3× se:works
- 6 4× se:works assistant
- 7 10× se:dot 730×390
- 8 4× se:assist ø1000



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While the present manual contains a set of guidelines and principles that inform the design of Workcafés, the library is an evolving collection of solutions and resources.



