

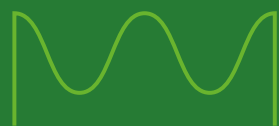
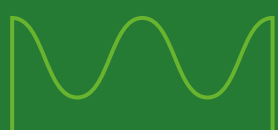
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Modular seating
and planting system.



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**A hexagonal module.
Split it, flip it, stack it alongside others.
Add a timber top and it becomes a seat.
Use a taller one, and it's a planter.**

Hive is a modular system where seating and planting share a single form. Modules at different heights create volume and variety across a scheme. Use timber surfaces for sitting, and open forms for grasses, shrubs, and wildflowers. The site is yours, and Hive gives you all you need to create the layout that's just right.

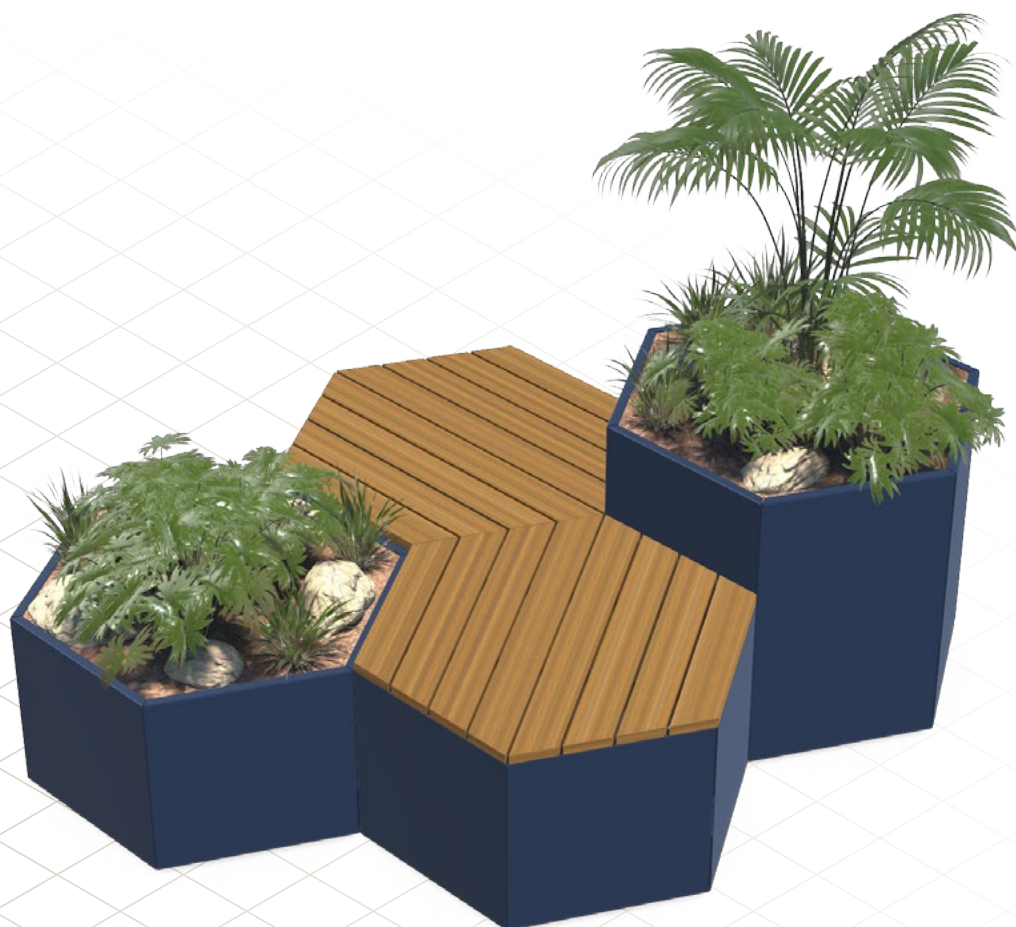
Start with a compact cluster for a courtyard, extend it across a civic plaza, and rearrange it when the use of the space changes. The system is cohesive at all scales and uses.

Configure, reconfigure.

Everything in Hive starts with one hexagonal form. It splits into halves, it inverts, and it combines with others to produce clusters, rows, and organic shapes. Add timber tops for seating or keep it open and for planting. The two share the same system language, so the transition between seat and planter is seamless in every configuration.

Follow your instinct and design as you compose the final layout and retain the peace of mind knowing you can reconfigure if you change your mind. The hexagonal geometry gives you a framework to design within, and the heights and functions give you tools to shape how people use the space.





**Feeling curious,
or just playful?**

**Try the HIVE
configurator.**

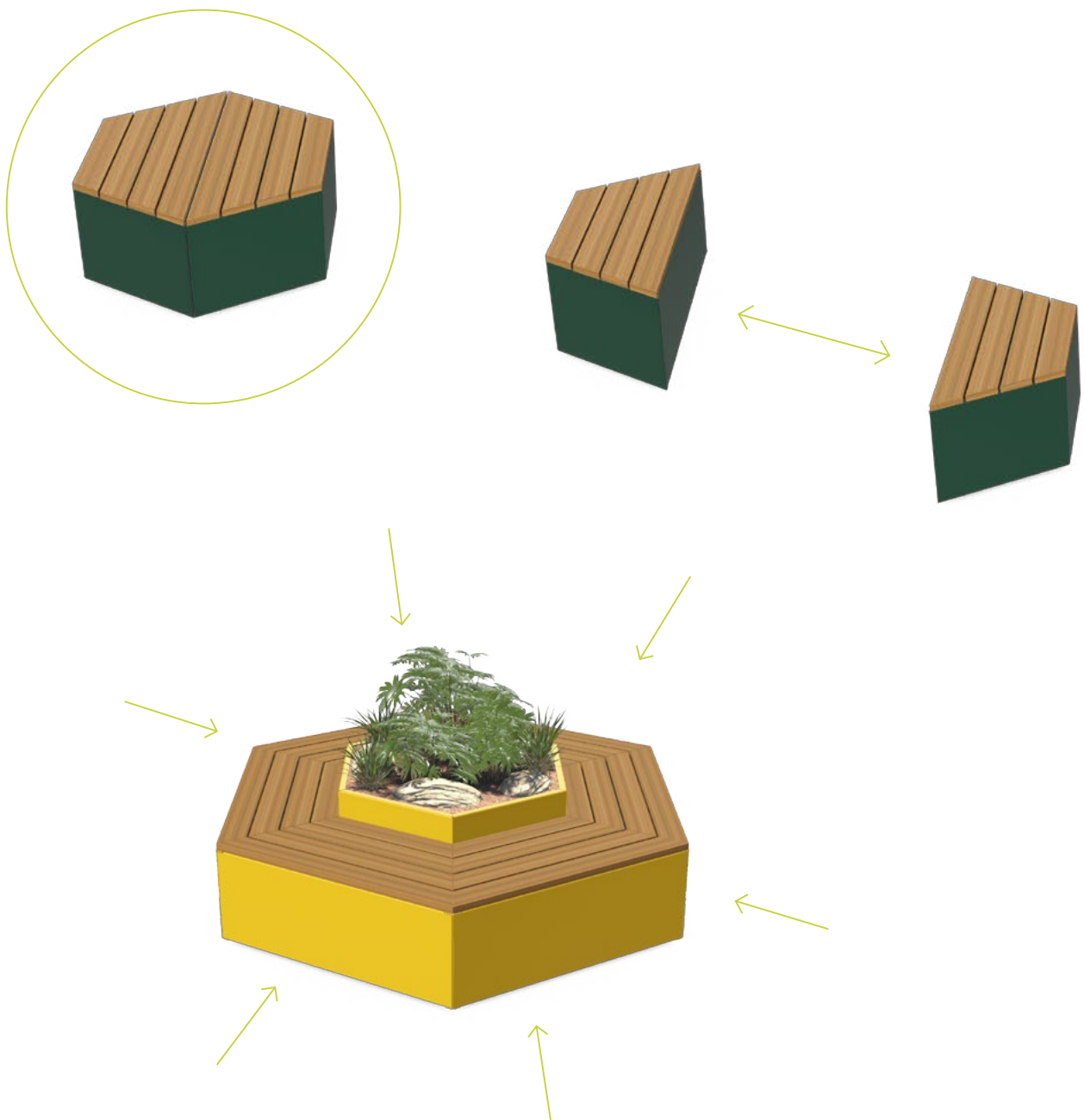


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Split, combine.

A full module covers a 1155 × 1000mm footprint and seats up to four. Split it in half (1155 × 500mm) and it seats two, or becomes a narrow planter for tighter spaces.

Full modules at the centre, halves along the edges, and a mix of heights for graduated volume, with a consistent geometry to hold it all together beautifully.







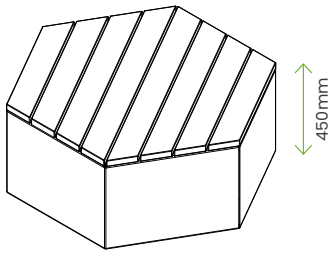


Modules.

Bench

**PR-HV01-BE10 +
PR-HV01-PF10**

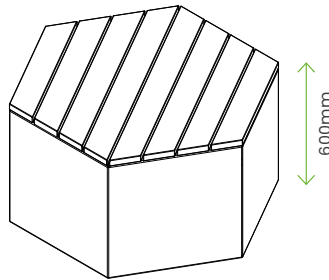
HIVE Full Bench - Low



1155 × 1000 × 450 mm

**PR-HV01-BE11 +
PR-HV01-PF10**

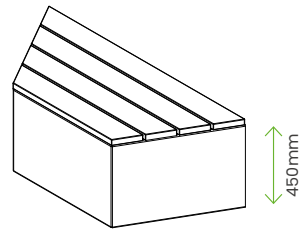
HIVE Full Bench - Medium



1155 × 1000 × 600 mm

**PR-HV01-BE20 +
PR-HV01-PF20**

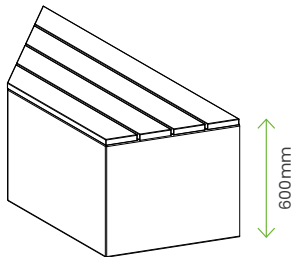
HIVE Half Bench - Low



1155 × 500 × 450 mm

**PR-HV01-BE21 +
PR-HV01-PF20**

HIVE Half Bench - Medium



1155 × 500 × 600 mm

Half platform seats up to 2.

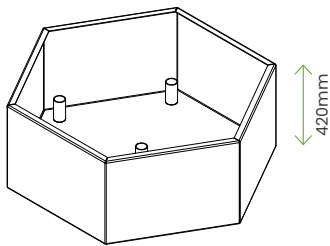
Full platform seats up to 4.

Modules.

Planter

PR-HV01-PR10

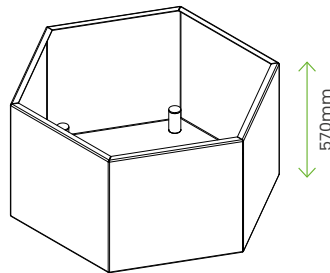
HIVE Full Planter - Low



1155 × 1000 × 420 mm

PR-HV01-PR11

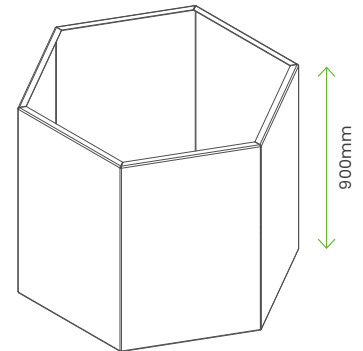
HIVE Full Planter - Medium



1155 × 1000 × 570 mm

PR-HV01-PR12

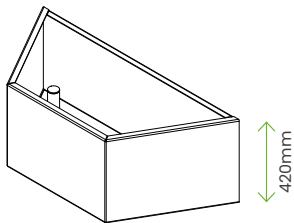
HIVE Full Planter - High



1155 × 1000 × 900 mm

PR-HV01-PR20

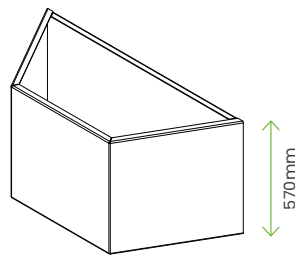
HIVE Half Planter - Low



1155 × 500 × 420 mm

PR-HV01-PR21

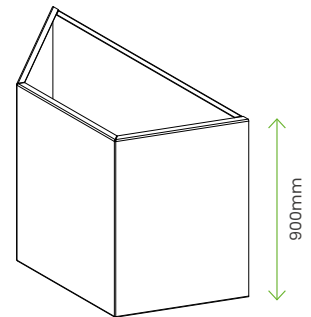
HIVE Half Planter - Medium



1155 × 500 × 570 mm

PR-HV01-PR22

HIVE Half Planter - High

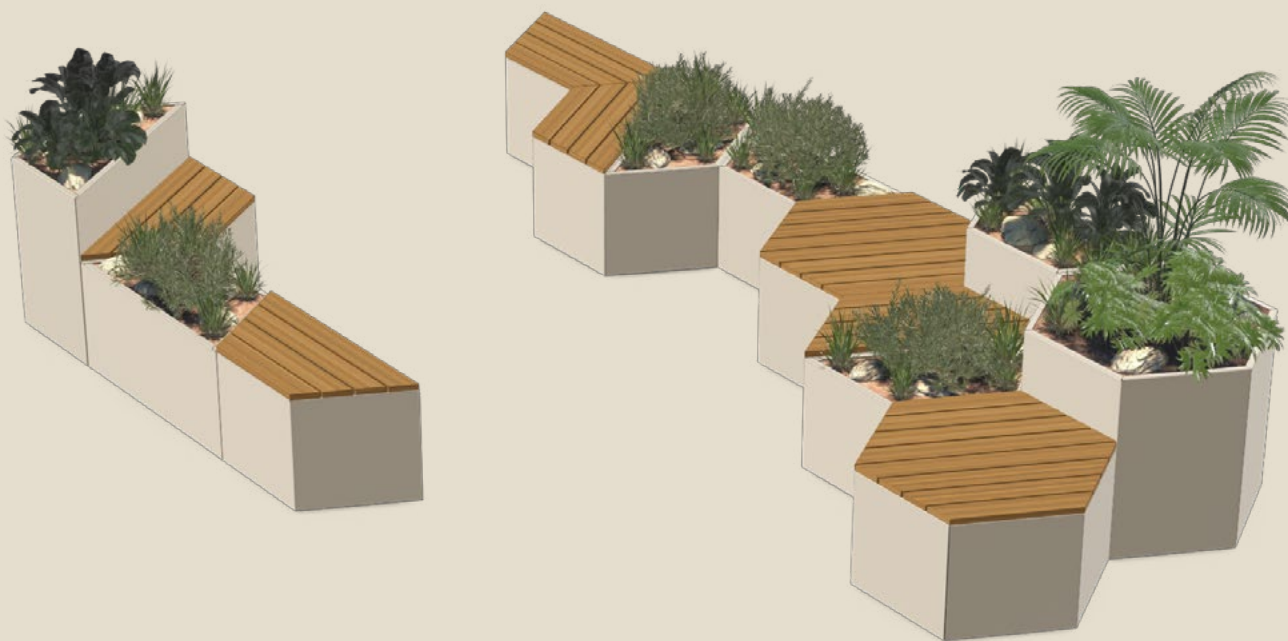


1155 × 500 × 900 mm

Compact, extend.

A Hive layout can be as focused as three modules in a hospital courtyard or as expansive as a full civic installation. The system scales because the geometry holds at any size.

Install what the current budget allows and add as further funding arrives. The additions match what's already there because they draw from the same system.







Specify, respecify.

As briefs change, as footfall shifts, and as budgets drip in tiny stages, your freedom to respecify is built into the system.

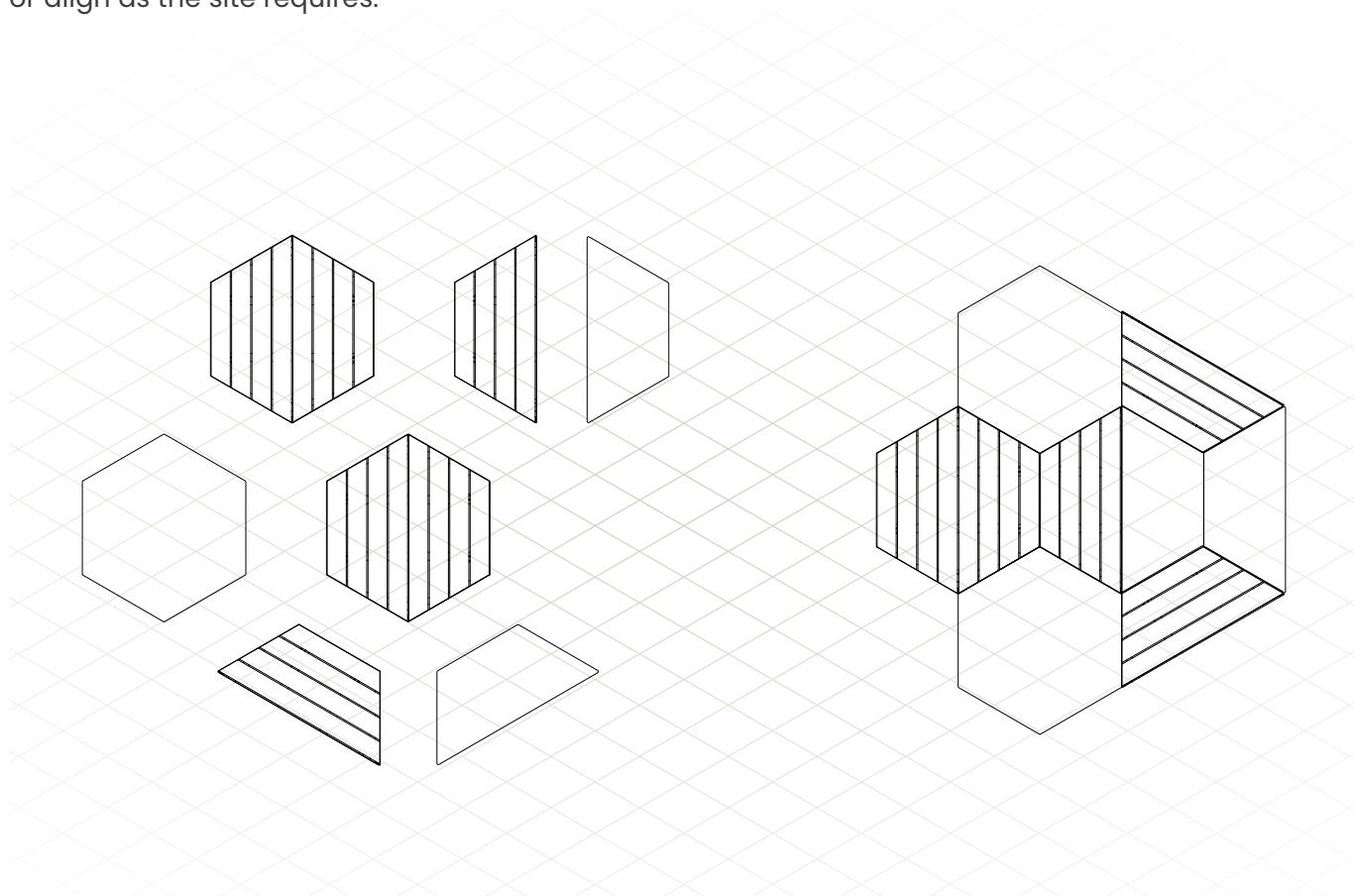
Every element draws from the same hexagonal system, so a specification written today holds as the project develops. New modules integrate with what's already installed and existing modules can be reconfigured. The visual language stays coherent and the original investment carries forward.

Reconfigure, repurpose, replant, redeploy, and respecify at will, knowing the original spec holds.



Layouts.

The hexagonal geometry tessellates in any direction. Any face can meet any other face, producing layouts that spread, cluster, or align as the site requires.



Islands

Individual modules scattered across a space, each combining seating with planting.



Chelsea

In homage to our debut at The 2026 RHS Chelsea Flower Show, we have recreated the layout used in the BALI Garden – The Hive – inspired by the range.



Layouts.

Cluster

Modules grouped tightly around a central planting form for a sociable, sheltered arrangement.



Honeycomb

A tessellated pattern mixing seating and planting modules across a wider footprint.



Linear

Modules arranged in a row, alternating between seating and planting, suited to edges and boundaries.



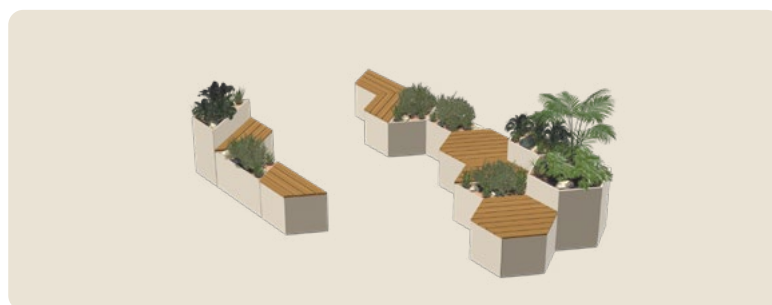
Orbit

Modules arranged around a central focal point, creating a circular layout that encourages gathering, conversation, and shared moments.



Peninsula

An outward-reaching arrangement that extends planting and seating into surrounding space, ideal for softening edges and defining thresholds.





How Hive came to be.

Modular furniture at Furnitubes has been opening outwards for years. Hive is the next step in that evolution

Each generation has shifted the balance between people and planting. **RailRoad** arranged people side by side along curves and straight runs, with planters at around a tenth of a typical layout. **AKRI** flipped that proportion, setting seating into walls of planting, and the team saw how much people valued being surrounded by greenery. **UNIUN** opened the seating outwards into organic angles. And as the **FERN** planters showed what variation in height could add to a layout, another question came into focus: what could volume and scale bring to a single system?

Hive is what came next. Seating and planting in equal measure, modules at three heights, and a hexagonal form that comes as close to an organic circle as a modular shape allows.

Before any form was chosen, the team researched proxemics, which is the study of how physical arrangement shapes whether people sit alone or together, and whether they stay or move on. Twenty-two concept sketches followed, each scored against ergonomics, aesthetics, and manufacturing feasibility.

The hexagonal geometry won because it tessellates in organic, non-linear patterns while maintaining structural rigour. The name came from a humble footnote in the design document that simply states: "Ties to nature, a place of connection, busy people gather." Hive.

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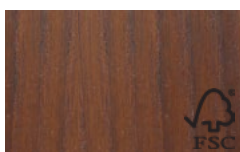
Materials & Finishes.

Hive modules are manufactured from recycled steel with Furnitubes' triple-process powder coating, independently tested to 2,000 hours for weather, UV, and corrosion resistance. Timber seating surfaces are available in FSC-certified Iroko and Endura® thermally modified ash. Endura naturally weathers to a silver-grey finish. The system is designed for a 20+ year service life, with adjustable tilt feet on every module.

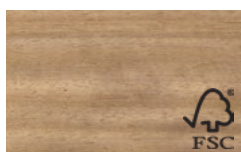
Timber & UK-sourced recycled steel



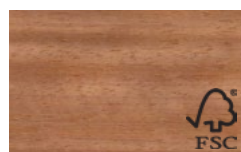
Endura® TMA:
British-grown ash, thermally modified to match tropical hardwood durability. Locally sourced, lower transport footprint.



Endura® TMA with UV Protective Finish: British-grown thermally modified ash, combining the strength, durability, and lower transport footprint of Endura with added UV protection.



Iroko: FSC-certified tropical hardwood. Dense, naturally durable, weathers to a silver-grey patina.



Iroko with UV Protective Finish: retains the warm golden-brown tone for longer.



Triple process powder coated steel: available in a curated RAL colour palette.

Hive. Colours.



Forest



Glade



Clover



Riviera



Midnight



Sunshine



Zest



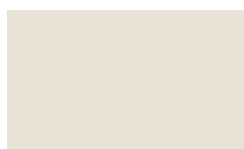
Postbox



Acorn



Conker



Oyster



Cornish Cream



Mist



Anthracite grey



Coal Yard

Furnitubes products are available in a carefully curated colour palette, standardised across our ranges and available with no additional lead time. It's a simple way to move beyond the expected grey and bring a little more character, warmth, and identity to the spaces we shape.

You don't need to be a colour specialist, either. Our palette has been selected to make combinations feel considered and easy to specify – whether you're complementing heritage surroundings or adding contrast to contemporary schemes.

For projects that require something more bespoke, custom RAL shades are also available for an additional fee.

Hive. Maintenance.

Hive products are designed for long-term outdoor use with durable materials selected for performance, longevity, and low maintenance. Regular cleaning and simple upkeep will help preserve the appearance and finish of the products over time.

Timber slats

Hive timber elements are manufactured from durable hardwood and can be supplied untreated or with a UV protective finish.

Untreated timber will naturally weather to a silver-grey patina over time when exposed to the elements. UV protective finishes help retain the timber's richer natural tones for longer and typically benefit from re-treatment every two years, depending on exposure and desired appearance.

For general maintenance:

- Clean with mild detergent and warm water using a soft cloth or brush
- Light sanding may be used to refresh the surface if required
- Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaning products
- As timber is a natural material, variations in colour and weathering are part of its character.

Powder coated steel

Powder coated steelwork should be cleaned regularly to maintain its appearance and maximise coating life.

For general maintenance:

- Clean using warm water and mild detergent with a soft cloth or sponge
- In most urban environments, annual cleaning is sufficient
- In coastal or high-pollution areas, more frequent cleaning is recommended
- Do not use abrasive pads, solvents, or aggressive chemical cleaners.

Minor chips or scratches can typically be repaired in situ.

Please contact Furnitubes for guidance on suitable repair products and touch-up finishes.

Hive. Installation.

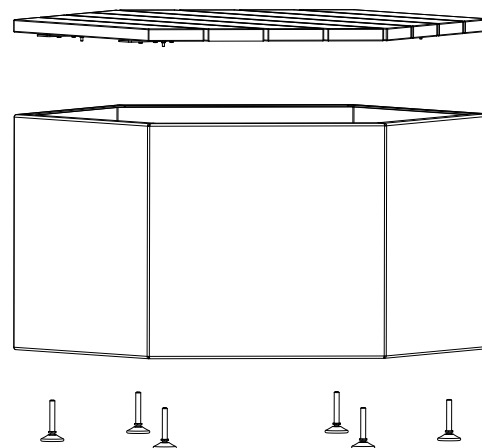
- All Hive planters and benches are supplied fully assembled.
- Plugs can be removed from drainage pipes to allow water to drain from the planter.
- Products are pre-fitted with adjustable feet, which prevent the steelwork and paving from marking and allow for variation in ground levels.
- We recommend filling planters with gravel or a similar well-draining substrate above the drainage tube level (100mm high).

Personnel and tools required

- An adjustable spanner is recommended to alter the foot height.
- We would recommend a minimum of 4 suitably skilled workers to move the full planters or benches.

General handling - health and safety

- Care should be taken when manually handling these items, including good lifting and transportation practices.
- Hand and foot protection must be used when moving and installing these products.



Why Furnitubes.

Made in the UK

Our factory is based in Kent, so expect faster leadtimes and no supply chain delays

Easy to maintain + low labour costs

We make sure that fixing points are easily accessible so slats and brackets can be changed easily when damaged

Modular solutions

Our ranges are modular and customisable, seating and planters can be easily combined, be creative without blowing the budget

Our approach

We take a considered approach to design, it's not just about the end product. We take everything in the process into consideration, we are collaborative and we are committed to producing products that improve our environment & keep people safe.



Our Process.

Get in touch

it's as simple as that, give us a call or drop us an email, we're happy to help whatever the medium!

Collaborate

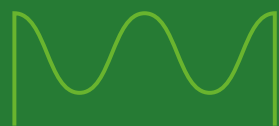
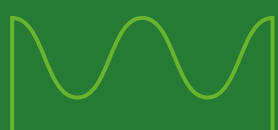
Depending on your needs, you might not actually need us at this stage, that's the beauty of our modular ranges – they're designed with you in mind, so you can specify with ease. Nevertheless, we are here for you if you do – our design team are always on hand to discuss the nitty gritty of your project.

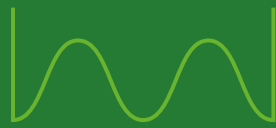
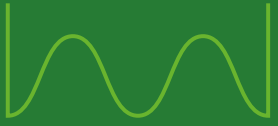
Specification

This is where our team of experts take the wheel and help you with sketches, CADs and more to help you specify our products as easily as possible.

Production + delivery

All of our products are designed and manufactured in the UK allowing us to give you shorter lead times. With a dedicated project manager keeping you in the loop, you can trust everything is in hand.







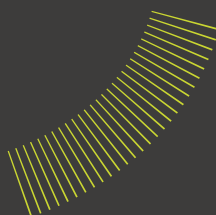
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