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BuildUp Pods & Pavilions – BuildUp Sofa

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Glimakra of Sweden introduces the new BuildUp Sofa, a 2023 addition to the extensive BuildUp Pods & Pavilions system - a collection of large-scale, open and muted meeting spaces.

BuildUp Pods & Pavilions is an award-winning collection of acoustic meeting rooms inspired by the forest. A concept characterized by openness, accessibility and functionality, designed by the Swedish duo Kauppi & Kauppi, produced by Glimakra of Sweden.

The BuildUp concept positions itself somewhere between architecture and furniture. Large-scale meeting rooms, reimagining the archetype of a common pod – a design where the spatial experience has been valued as highly as the acoustic qualities. Open, airy spaces where inclusiveness is key, following a Scandinavian design tradition.

"Imagine a forest glade, a calm space embraced by trees. Muted, but never completely quiet. We have carried the forest with us as an inspiration during the BuildUp design process. The vision has been to design welcoming, comfortable spaces, that neither close in nor excludes. Rooms that offer focus but not necessarily total quietness." - Kauppi & Kauppi

The first introduction of BuildUp Pods & Pavilions 2021 included three pods in different sizes, as well as a fully open pavilion. A round room for 4-6 people meetings (10m²), a medium-sized oval room for group meetings of 8-10 people (17m²) and a large oval room for conference meetings of 12-14 people (20m²). The space dividing open pavilion is well suited for informal touch down meetings or small gatherings. The overall concept has a modest and minimalistic expression, making the pods well suited as natural space definers and dividers in large interiors, such as office landscapes.

In 2022 the BuildUp Pod collection grew with additional smaller sizes. The BuildUp R2 pods are offered in two different configurations. The "Coupé" version comes with two facing sofas and a pedestal table, designed to host meetings or work sessions for 2-4 people. Whilst the "work" edition combines one sofa for reading or pauses, with a tailored worktable for individual tasks. The systems smallest pod R1 provides a working or reading corner for one person. All editions are furnished with carefully developed details, such as conveniently placed power outlets, comfortable seating and good lighting - designed to give you the best conditions for a great workday.

"In shared working spaces, we always look for that comfortable corner with pleasant atmosphere, diffused light and comfy seating. Our ideal space for workflow offers a muted but still audible contact with surrounding activities, and an easy way to adjust the level of visual interaction. We designed the small pods to be welcoming spaces to long for!" - Kauppi & Kauppi

The latest evolution of the BuildUp Pods & Pavilions is a new sofa, adding a lounge feel and functionality to the greater system - launching at Stockholm Furniture Fair 2023. The Sofas addresses the need for generously proportioned places to unwind and socialize with friends and colleagues. A place for reading and recharging yourself or your devices. The new sofa elements flow along the curved insides and embraces the outsides of the larger pods and pavilions. In extension to providing a seating place, the new BuildUp Sofa generate a pleasant and interesting interior landscape, when utilizing the spaces in between.

All BuildUp wall elements have an equally good sound absorption on both insides and outsides. Which means that the muted meeting rooms also serve as an effective acoustic solution for the greater interiors surrounding the pods. The walls acoustic task is to reduce reverberation time - rather than to achieve completely silent settings. The atmosphere inside the pods is restful and muted, while comfortable sound levels from the surroundings outside are maintained.

" The pods are friendly characters, also functioning as architectural furniture. At the same time, several technical solutions and features has been integrated into the design, to make the rooms functional and creative. Our design reflects the long tradition and great knowledge of wood production, textile upholstery and acoustic solutions that characterize Glimakra of Sweden."
- Kauppi & Kauppi

The open pods have generously wide entrances without thresholds – accessible, inclusive, and welcoming for everyone. The entrances closed by sound-absorbing curtains, either automatically motorized or manually. The meeting pods are equipped with a curved magnetic writing board and prepared with a flexible monitor bracket, as well as power outlets and AV input. All wall segments have a metal plinth for easy cable and technology routing, as well as placements of easily accessible electrical outlets.

Daylight, or lighting from the larger interior, is filtered into the pods through the wooden roof rafters and preserves a connection with the surrounding. To provide the pod rooms with comfortable basic lighting, the short sides are equipped with glare-free LED lighting. Complementary lighting above tables can easily be installed, suspended from the ceiling rafts or through the gaps between the rafts from the external ceiling. All BuildUp units have a completely self-supporting construction, which means that no floor, wall or ceiling attachments are necessary. The pods and pavilions are easy to build, install and to move if a new location is desired.

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BuildUp Pod R4 – Lounge with Sofa
BuildUp Pod R8 – Lounge with Sofa
BuildUp Pod R12 – Lounge with Sofa
BuildUp Pavilion R4 – Lounge with Sofa

The BuildUp Collection:

BuildUp Pod R1 – Work
BuildUp Pod R1 – Read
BuildUp Pod R2 – Coupé
BuildUp Pod R2 – Work
BuildUp Pod R4 - Meeting
BuildUp Pod R8 – Meeting
BuildUp Pod R12 – Meeting
BuildUp Pavilion R4 – Meeting

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