

PORTA VOLTA — HERZOG & DE MEURON 2023



The Porta Volta Chair by Herzog & de Meuron marks a new chapter of collaboration between the historic brand Molteni&C and the renowned international architectural firm, long-term partners of the Molteni Group. A special edition of the chair will be used in the reading room of the National Library of Israel in Jerusalem, which has been designed by the Basel-based firm. The project will also involve UniFor, a Molteni&C sister brand, who will oversee the fit-out of the library's main reading room, as well as all built-in furniture and shelving. The Porta Volta Chair highlights the relationship between the upholstered seat and the solid timber back, the defining element of the design. The floating backrest extends around the perimeter of the seat in a U-shape, extending forward to create the armrests, and resting on 3 intersecting wooden U-frames that feature a special curved bent "finger joint" detail at their rounded corners. The legs and the support for the back are angled slightly outwards, to give a sense of stability and generosity while adding extra comfort. The structure is crafted from high-quality solid woods - eucalyptus, black oak, sunrise oak, graphite oak or American walnut - ensuring exceptional durability and longevity. The thick padded seat, carefully rendered for the utmost comfort, is available in a wide range of fabrics, leather and in a special selection of Mohair velvet. The exclusive fabric collection is composed of 4 special custom-made colours: a bright sunflower yellow, a playful daisy pink, a deep royal blue and a silver grey. The chair has been imagined in two different sizes to allow for flexibility and a wider scope of use. The first is suited for dining – with a height of 71 cm, while the second, referred to as a low chair, is shorter at 66 cm and is intended for a living or a sitting room. The low chair remains at the ideal height to be placed next to a sofa or lounge chair, allowing for comfortable conversation between the two. One of the standout features of Porta Volta is the optional padding on the backrest, a rectangular-shaped element that latches onto the wooden beam, which is also available in a range of fabrics and leathers, allowing the chair to be customised to suit a multitude of interior concepts. The Porta Volta Chair by Herzog & de Meuron, resulting from unparalleled attention to detail and exceptional materials, will add a sophisticated addition to any dining room, living space, or office.



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FINISHES

STRUCTURE FINISHES

solid ash wood stained:

- eucalyptus
- black oak
- sunrise oak
- graphite oak

solid American walnut

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- royal blue
- sunflower yellow
- silver grey
- daisy pink

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

STRUCTURE

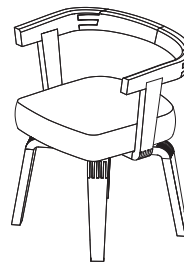
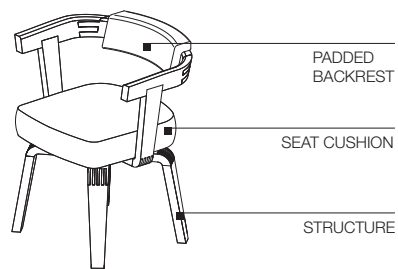
Solid wood. Feet in non-slip plastic.

SEAT AND BACKREST

Plywood support with variable density polyurethane padding.
Cover in bonded velveteen, cotton and polyester fibre.



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VERSION TB117 AND BS5852
FOR A 12% SURCHARGE



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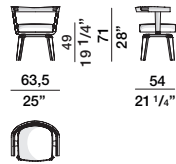
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No reductions of any kind or changes in finish are possible.

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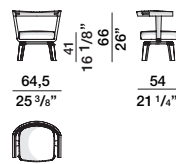
dining chair

PSE1



low chair

PSB1



padded backrest

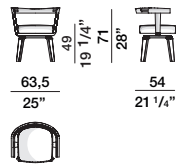
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Solid American walnut

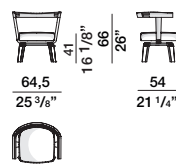
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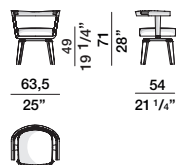
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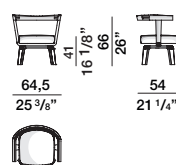
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