

Mariposa Club Sofa & Armchair

Developed by Vitra in Switzerland

Design: Edward Barber & Jay Osgerby, 2017

The Mariposa family of sofas exudes an invitingly cosy feel with a modern touch. In collaboration with Edward Barber and Jay Osgerby, Vitra has now expanded the collection with new variations: Mariposa Club Sofa and Mariposa Club Armchair.

The Mariposa Club Sofa and Mariposa Club Armchair are an extension of the initial Mariposa range, which we designed to combine spacious cosiness and an understated feel through well-balanced proportions. – Edward Barber

The new pieces are smaller in scale than the initial Mariposa designs and therefore suitable for stylish, urban living spaces and for use in lounge and hospitality settings. The slimline body of both the sofa and armchair offers maximum seating comfort, while the compact dimensions take up limited space. The Mariposa Club epitomises a design philosophy that seeks quality and expressive flair in a condensed format.

The role of sofas in daily life is shifting, and office environments now demand a level of comfort and quality that promotes communication and business in the workplace. The increased use of laptops has enabled more people to move away from the conventional trappings of a desk setup and utilise furniture that would traditionally be seen in the home environment. Mariposa Club Sofa combines practicality and comfort in a range with many applications. – Jay Osgerby

Unlike the other sofas of the Mariposa family, the Mariposa Club Sofa and Mariposa Club Armchair do not have adjustable side and back panels. However, despite smaller dimensions, both pieces follow the design of their larger counterparts, offering pleasantly soft upholstery and a high degree of comfort. Their covers come in a wide selection of colours and fabrics, allowing for numerous individualisation options.

There are a number of things that are particular about designing soft seating: first, it's very hard to draw. When you are working in wood or metal or plastic, it's easy to define the silhouette in a drawing, but when it comes to a sofa, it's like drawing clothing – it's almost impossible. You have to jump from concept to cutting fabric almost immediately. We make models out of fabric on a sewing machine – it's the only way to capture it. – Edward Barber

The Mariposa family is complemented by two round ottomans of different sizes that also match the soft contours of the Mariposa Club Sofa and Armchair.