Grand Relax
Developed by Vitra in Switzerland
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Grand Relax expands Vitra's Home Collection with a luxurious lounge chair that combines compact dimensions and a classic understated design with maximum comfort. First presented in leather in 2019, the Grand Relax lounge chair designed by Antonio Citterio is now also available in a version with fabric upholstery.

Grand Relax offers an exceptional seating experience thanks to soft cushions with a feather and foam filling, which rest on the upholstered chair body. When sitting down, the user sinks slowly into the cushions, before a concealed integrated mechanism then absorbs the bodyweight and shifts the chair into a reclined position. The seat and backrest move independently in a synchronised motion adapted to the sitter´s body. A control knob can be turned to adjust the resistance of the mechanism, and the backrest can be locked at any angle. Mounted on a four-star base made of polished or powder-coated aluminium, the lounge chair can pivot by 360 degrees; a matching ottoman is available as a footrest or additional seating option.

Grand Relax features a combination of luxury materials, such as die-cast aluminium and leather. The exceptional comfort was conceived specifically for a leather upholstery. High-quality leather covers encase the soft seat and back cushions, which sit loosely on the lounge chair. They snugly envelop the user and yet always return to their original shape. This is also true of the single height-adjustable neck cushion. The lower half of the outer backrest shell is covered with moulded split leather, forming a type of shield that enfolds the user, while creating an eye-catching feature. Pairing split leather with Leather Premium or fabric, as will later be available, creates a dynamic contrast between the armchair´s inner and outer faces. Split leather is also used to cover the understructure of the seat and ottoman.

Although the Grand Relax lounge chair was developed to celebrate the properties of leather, the choice of materials has logically been extended to include a version in fabric. The soft cushions of Grand Relax with fabric covers provide a different warmer style of comfort. The lower half of the outer shell is still clad in split leather, creating new opportunities for contrasting effects with the different textiles and their range of colours.

Grand Relax has a compact yet inviting appearance. The low-slung chair body, long armrests and upward tapering backrest emanate an appealing sense of comfort, while the carefully designed proportions and slender contours visually emphasise the dynamic seating experience.