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BY ALDA LY ARCHITECTURE (ALA)

Informed by Alda Ly Architecture's (ALA) ethos of inspired collaboration, design-thinking, and close attention to user experience, Bao is designed for maximum comfort and usability. The first furniture collaboration between the API women-owned firm and HBF with a charming play on the Chinese word "bao"—a homonym for bun, bag, precious, and baby—Bao was conceived to bridge the gap between formal and informal, sedate and lively. Its sculptural silhouette reflects the simplicity and sophistication of its construction—a graceful combination of craftsmanship and clean aesthetics. Bao offers a seating solution like no other and is a smart addition to any office, healthcare, hospitality or public space.

ALDA LY ARCHITECTURE (ALA)

Alda Ly Architecture (ALA) is an API woman-owned firm that provides thoughtful, custom interior solutions for organizations looking to rethink traditional retail, healthcare, office, and cultural spaces. Founded in 2017 when the groundbreaking co-working platform The Wing tapped Ly to design its East Coast and California locations, ALA continues to serve a growing number of entrepreneurs and startups as well as established organizations looking to rethink traditional retail, healthcare, office, and cultural spaces. ALA is a recognized thought leader in biophilic design and has been featured nationally and internationally in publications such as Metropolis, Contract, and Interior Design.

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Inspired by the beauty of geometry, Bao brings together form and function to create a pouf that is incredibly welcoming and emotive. The collection is available in six base archetypes—small, medium, large half-round, stacking, low loop handle and high loop handle—and two seat heights (lounging and work) to complement any space with its versatility.

Constructed to embody the experience of a lounge chair, its dual-density cut-foam cushion and webbing provides optimal, firm support for sumptuous comfort. Bao retains its playful and collaborative spirit while serving as a space-saving and stylish seating companion for lively conversations, ideal for both professional and private settings.

- Lightweight and easy to move
- Solid wood legs, veneer wood base
- Discreet glides on legs are designed to highlight the beauty of the wood, while offering a middle ground between stability and mobility



Large Half Round, Small Stacking with Soft Square Meki Table



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Medium, High Loop Handle

LOUNGE HEIGHT MODELS

Small

A smart, effortlessly mobile all-rounder for public or private interiors, the Small Bao pouf is an ode to all things precious. With close attention to user experience and comfort, the sculptural silhouette of this versatile piece works as a standalone or within an arrangement.

- Available in 22" diameter and 16" lounge height



Medium

The Medium Bao is an inviting seating solution for the modern public space. Its approachable, curvature design provides the utmost comfort for all users. Perfect for lounging or perching in style, its all-rounder nature makes it ideal in areas such as lobbies, restaurants, and airports.

- Available in 34" diameter and 16" lounge height



Large Half Round

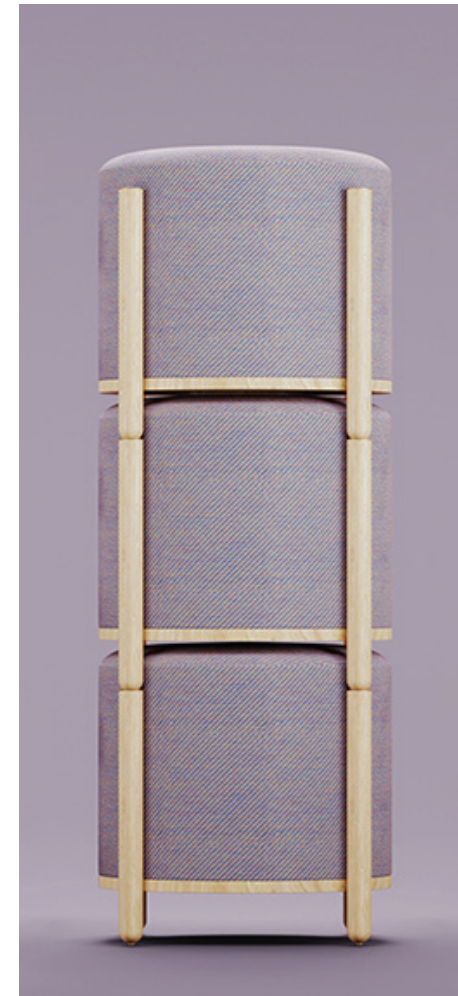
The Large Half Round Bao is a flexible seating solution that can be configured in a variety of ways: against walls to create cozy seating environments, or pieced together to accommodate multiple users—from airport lobbies and meeting spaces, to cafes and restaurants. The wide depth and breath in the design help make it a statement piece; mix and match fabrics for subtle changes to its personality.

- Available in a 48" width, 25.5" depth and 16" lounge height
- Half rounds can be joined together to form continuous seating in a serpentine form
- Half rounds can be used for bare walls and hallways to fill spaces that would otherwise be empty, creating a new fit-flush seating environment without legs in the way. They can also be used to add interest to conference room edges.
- Half rounds can be pieced and ganged together to create complete large rounds for multiple users
- 3 external legs and 2 hidden legs for stability





Low Loop Handle, High Loop Handle, Small Stacking



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WORK HEIGHT MODELS

Small Stacking

Transforming how we work, the Small Stacking Bao is mobile seating that gives new meaning to the notion of versatility. It can be used as a pull-up seat for quick desk side meetings or group collaboration, then simply stack and store away when not in use. Charming, stylish, and flexible, the small stacking Bao offers a simple yet symbiotic design that brings forth a new level of functionality and mobility to the office.

- Available in 18" diameter and 18" work/engage height
- Stackable for space-saving opportunities and can easily be stored
- Stacking three high is recommended, four maximum
- Metal cap detailing in Satin Brass and Satin Nickel for stackable only
- Intuitive pressure fit that snaps in place without mechanical fastening



Low Loop Handle

Designed with sophisticated geometry, the Low Loop Handle Bao is crafted from high-quality materials and can be used as an accent piece or functional seating. Its low loop handle makes it easy to pull, allowing users to place it anywhere and choose how it works best for their space and comfort level—whether that be quick touchdowns or longer touchpoints. The resulting product is a visual delight, while always retaining its practical spirit.

- Available in 18" diameter and 18" work/engage height
- The low-handle design provides easy grip and maneuverability, and functions as an armrest when seated
- Solid wood loop at 21.8" height is steam bent with 5-axis machining



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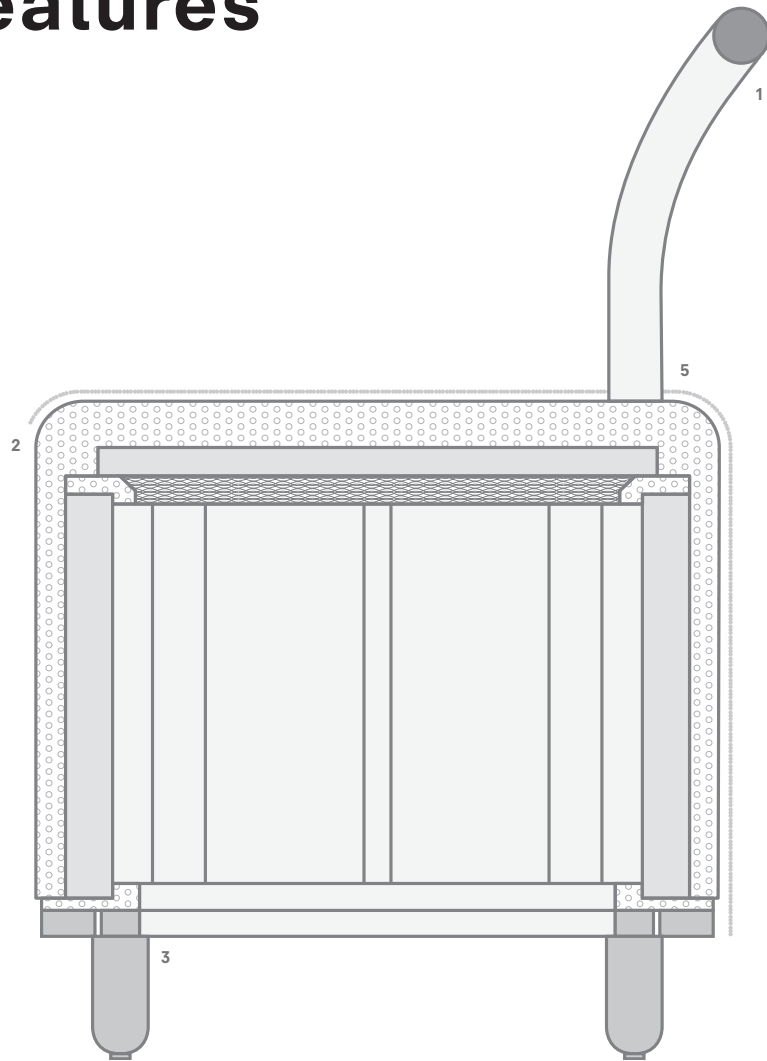
High Loop Handle

The High Loop Handle Bao is a to-the-point solution for more formal meetings and discussions. Its seat distributes weight comfortably and encourages longer touchpoints, while the specially rounded loop back provides additional support, encouraging a more upright posture. Designed to allow for flexible arrangements and configurations, the High Loop Handle Bao provides a great solution for expansive collaboration and dialogue.

- Available in 18" diameter and 18" work/engage height
- The high handle design provides easy grip and maneuverability, and functions as an armrest when seated
- The high handle creates a backrest for more support during formal meetings or longer touchpoints
- Solid wood loop at 28.3" height is steam bent with 5-axis machining



Design Features



4 Metal Cap Detail, Stacking Model Only



5. A. Quilted Top Detail



5. B. Decorative Stitch in Signature Pattern Detail

With an elegant, contemporary design vocabulary that seamlessly combines clean lines, smart planning, and user experience, Bao is created to be as supportive as a lounge chair for superior comfort.

- 1 The seat handle is a one solid wood piece that has been specially steam bent with 5-axis machining. The height of the back loops were obsessively studied, designed, and fabricated for optimal user experience.
- 2 The dual-density cut-foam cushion with upholstery webbing creates a lounge seat experience that offers superior firmness and support.
- 3 The fabrication of cantilever legs—in which the leg is placed outside the piece rather than inside it—is unique to the Bao design. This detail emphasizes the wood used in the piece and creates a new form that is both stable and aesthetically pleasing.
- 4 The leg caps of the Small Stacking Bao design were created for both jewelry and durability. They protect the wood from wear, and they provide a fit that securely snaps into place without mechanical fastening.

- 5 Upholstery**
Bao offers a wide range of hospitality-inspired, high performance HBF Textiles as graded-in standards. With a full selection of fully bleach-cleanable woven textiles, performance coated fabrics, and luxurious full-grain leathers from which to choose, Bao enables designers to easily imprint their own creative vision upon the customized furniture object, providing long-term value through refined aesthetics balanced with high-performance durability.
- A. Quilted Top detail on seat panel
 - B. Decorative Stitch
 - C. Customer's Own Material (COM) upholstery application is available as an option

- Sustainability**
HBF builds furniture products for longevity, durability, and ease of service. This allows for the replacement of parts to retain the value of the product and prolong its life.
- Meets ANSI/BIFMA LEVEL® 2 Furniture Sustainability Standard
 - Indoor Advantage™ Gold Certified
 - All parts can be replaced
 - Can reupholster

- Product Warranty**
With a firm belief in quality and reliability, HBF offers a 12-year warranty on all products and 5-year warranty on stacked seating and operational parts—one of the most generous warranties in the industry today.
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FINISHES

Wood Species

Maple (Stains)



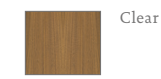
Oak (Stains)



Oak (Opaque Paints)



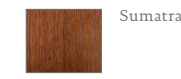
Walnut (Stains)



Metal



Decorative Stitch Thread



Metal caps

Metal detailing in Satin Brass and Satin Nickel for Small Stacking Bao only.

Base and leg options

Solid wood legs, veneer wood base.



High Loop Handle (top), High Loop Handle, Small Stacking (bottom)



Low Loop Handle, High Loop Handle, Large Half Round with Soft Square Meki Tables



High Loop Handle, Small Stacking with Round Torre Table



Large Half Round, High Loop Handle with Round Torre Table

BAO COLLECTION STATEMENT OF LINE

Small

HFE923-011



OH 16 OD 25 SD 22
OW 25 SH* 16

SMALL BAO WITH QUILTED TOP DETAIL

HFE923-211

SMALL BAO WITH DECORATIVE STITCH

HFE923-311

Medium

HFE923-012



OH 16 OD 37 SD 34
OW 37 SH* 16

MEDIUM BAO WITH DECORATIVE STITCH

HFE923-312

Large Half Round

HFE923-013



OH 16 OD 25,5 SD 25,5
OW 48 SH* 16

LARGE HALF ROUND BAO WITH DECORATIVE STITCH

HFE923-313

Small Stacking

HFE923-021



OH 18 OD 21 SD 18
OW 21 SH* 18

SMALL STACKING BAO WITH QUILTED TOP DETAIL

HFE923-221

SMALL STACKING BAO WITH DECORATIVE STITCH

HFE923-321

Low Loop Handle

HFE923-031



OH 21,75 OD 21 SD 18
OW 21 SH* 18

LOW LOOP HANDLE BAO WITH QUILTED TOP DETAIL

HFE923-231

LOW LOOP HANDLE BAO WITH DECORATIVE STITCH

HFE923-331

High Loop Handle

HFE923-041



OH 28,25 OD 21 SD 18
OW 21 SH* 18

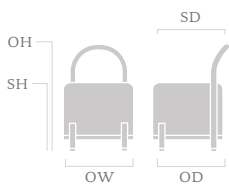
HIGH LOOP HANDLE BAO WITH QUILTED TOP DETAIL

HFE923-241

HIGH LOOP HANDLE BAO WITH DECORATIVE STITCH

HFE923-341

DIMENSIONS



OH Overall Height
OW Overall Width
OD Overall Depth
SH* Seat Height
SD Seat Depth

All dimensions in inches.

*Reflects the nominal seat height to the top of the cushion apex.

