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Outer Strength

The Hamptons collection, designed by Antonio Citterio, brings Flexform's signature refinement to the outdoors



The Hamptons collection is defined by its durable, elegant materials, including solid iroko, sumptuous fabric and enduring stone.

One of the many lessons Flexform has learned over its more than six decades manufacturing premium contemporary furniture is that you can't create beautiful, lasting designs without high-quality materials. The durable, visually appealing materials that make up Flexform's Hamptons collection, for example, don't just fulfill renowned designer Antonio Citterio's vision for elegant contemporary outdoor seating — they actually helped to guide it.

After years of fielding requests for bespoke outdoor furnishings that could pair with its indoor offerings, the manufacturer looked to Citterio to reinterpret its popular made-in-Italy soft seating in a line of modular sofas, ottomans and reclinable daybeds suitable for luxurious outdoor spaces like yachts and seaside resorts.

Citterio found his inspiration in the warmth and beauty of solid iroko, an African hardwood known for its exceptional outdoor performance. Rather than overworking this precious material, Citterio opted to let its simplicity speak for itself through a series of sturdy, clean-lined plinths framed by open seat backs and armrests. Offered in a natural, grey- or white-stained finish, these understated, low-slung wooden foundations are topped with generous cushions, complete with large cylindrical bolsters and ample pillows for optimal comfort. Ottomans, daybeds and stone-topped table modules can be used as freestanding complements or integrated directly with the sofa via a system of easy-to-use fasteners.

To upholster Hamptons' richly padded polyurethane foam and polyester fibre seat cushions, Citterio selected water-repellent, breathable quick-drying fabrics available in a wide range of colours, textures and patterns — all of them resistant to mould, fading and fraying — to mirror the textiles found in Flexform's indoor collections. Outlined in tone-on-tone or contrasting grosgrain piping,

these cushions can take on a wide range of personalities, from earthy, tactile neutrals to bright and bold statement pieces.

Hidden behind the simple pairing of iroko and finely tailored upholstery, Hamptons' structural materials are no less carefully selected. An internal frame of aluminum and 316 austenitic stainless steel — known for its immense strength and resistance to corrosion — sits atop invisible aluminum feet that position each furnishing just above the ground, protecting it from prolonged exposure to moisture. Combined, iroko, high-performance textiles and durable structural materials offer superior protection against temperature fluctuations, humidity and inclement weather, ensuring Hamptons' long life.

Flexform's focus on performance doesn't end there; environmental sustainability considerations also went into Citterio's selection of materials, even beyond their outstanding durability. As part of a modular system, Hamptons' structural components can be reconfigured and recovered with new materials to refresh a familiar suite of furnishings; the steel and aluminum can even be recycled. That same modularity allows Hamptons to be easily disassembled and stacked for easy transportation and end-of-season storage. The collection is also complemented by Flexform's full range of coordinating outdoor side tables, occasional chairs and other accessories.

But for all their durability, sustainability and performance, it's not the practicality of Hamptons' materials that you'll notice. It's how these noble elements — solid wood, sumptuous fabric and stone — create an atmosphere of casual elegance, quality and, above all, comfort. flexform.it



LEFT: The line's daybed can stand alone or be arranged in a group using fasteners that can be easily hooked and unhooked.