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CAMILLE BLIN
Designer and professor at ECAL

Earlier this year, ECAL/University of Art and Design Lausanne introduced a project based around the Workbays system created by Ronan & Erwan Bouroullec, which was edited by Vitra a few years ago. These interpretations were presented at Design Parade Toulon 2017, where new functionalities were proposed by students for Workbays' structure of slim aluminium profiles, and organically shaped wall elements made of pressed polyester felt. 'The ECAL students suggested we devise new typologies for these working environments, adding novel features and supplying them with new accessories,' says Camille Blin, the designer and professor who headed the project. 'So the Master Product Design students worked for a full semester under the watchful eye of Erwan Bouroullec and invented new structures that call to mind Japanese capsule hotels, a prototyping workshop, a gym, bar, garden or a resting area. For each of these spaces the students created specific and original objects, ranging from Bluetooth loudspeakers to miniature lamps reminiscent of stadium ones, desk pads-cum-bags, a semi-standing stool, a cable-covering carpet, in & out wastepaper baskets, multi-socket trays or a desk wall with vases and pins.'

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Farm Bay by Farm Bay, Paula Cerneno

In & Out Bin by Yeyeon Park

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Capsule Bay by Antoine Chauvin



3. FIGUERAS

Figueras International Seating, the company specialising in the design and manufacture of high-end fixed seating and movable seating solutions for public spaces, inaugurated a new Design Centre designed by Miriam Castells Studio. For the site of the Design Centre, an old warehouse was chosen in one of the factory premises located on the outskirts of Barcelona, which emphasises its industrial design tradition. In this context, the Design Centre's concept seeks to preserve intact the space's physiognomy, placing a new non-invasive module into the environment, where the new services needed by the client are found.

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