

## Logic via Art

Portfolio | 2023

Habits is a multidisciplinary industrial design studio, focused on technological and interactive projects, helping companies to build products that will shape the future.

"We study science and art.
We design by imagining new habits. We prototype our ideas, incorporating electronics, reducing the gap between physical and digital."

#### Haier

+ 10 years
major appliances and
future products

#### **Panasonic**

+ 15 years speakers, TVs, phones, advanced materials



«Comelit

+12 years

+ 5 years

elevator cabins, lighting, interphones, home controls and future UX automation touchpoints, UX



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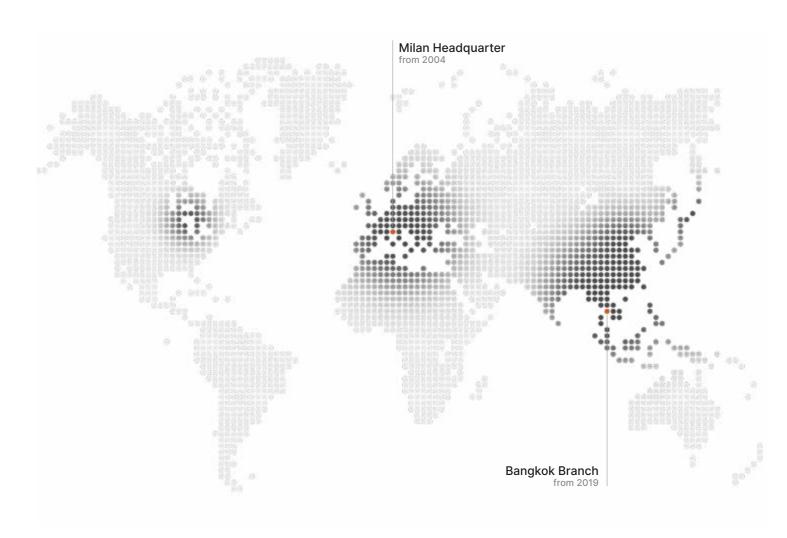
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**80+** ongoing worldwide stories.

## Italian heritage, worldwide stories



Since 2004, we provide our design services to global clients from the city steeped in the culture of design, Milan. We are deeply connected to the historical heritage of Italian design, drawing on its roots to transfer it to a global scale.

Recognizing the unique Asian technological knowhow, we started a branch in Bangkok to be better in touch with local manufacturing expertise and capabilities. Our work is a bridge between the advanced Asian manufacturing capabilities and the Italian Design.











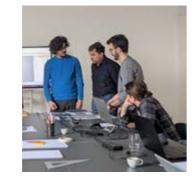




















We are a team of 30+
industrial designers /
mechanical and electronic
engineers / model makers /
UI/UX designers/ interaction
specialists / user researchers /
university teachers
with a global point of view.

# We are ready for new design challenges.

Currently we design in Light & Air / Audio & Video / Home automation / Food appliances / Clothes caring / Wellness & Health / Digital Ul / Interior & Exhibition

Decorative and Architetcural Lighting /Outdoor & Technical Lighting /Air Conditioning & Cooling /Air Treatments, Purification /TVs /Speakers /Cameras /Elevators /Controls & Switches /Entry Door & Intercom /Security Systems /Refrigerators /Built-in Kitchen Appliances /Food Processors /Small Appliances /Water Dispensers /Taps and fittings /Bikes /Phones / Laundry Machines /Tumble Dryer /Washbasin /Rehabilitation /Wearables /Sport Equipment /Pet Care /etc.

#### INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

The shape is calm and precise, interpreted in terms of the substance, meaning and language, not purely on the decorative aspects.

## **UX/UI INTERACTION**

We work on cross channel platforms (physical interfaces, IoT, mobile, web) to create meaningful interactive experiences.

## **CODING + ELECTRONICS**

We bring to life prototypes through high-fidelity interactive mockup and interfaces.

#### PROTOTYPING + ENGINEERING

We create realistic and functional prototypes to test our concepts, anticipating manufacturing matters.

#### RETAIL AND INTERIOR

We spread brand values and product innovations through spatial and exhibition experiences.

#### **DESIGN RESEARCH**

We forecast trends and market insights, focusing on new design opportunities. We test on field our vision to build future products on them

### **BRAND + VISUAL**

We define new unique brand visual design languages, helping companies to stand out.



Cooperating with multinational corporations requires us to be *confidential*, so most of our succesful works stay behind the scenes.

180+ international awards.

















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Leg
Detail | fire extinguisher
2015, Daken

# Logic via Art.

The word **VIA**, with its latin meaning "through", indicates how science, technique and virtue merge together in creativity and self-expression. As during the Renaissance period, when the artists themselves were the inventors of their own techniques, we believe in a multidisciplinar modus operandi, solving complex problems with visionary and analytical solutions.

- Industrial + Interaction Design
- Interior + Exhibition
- Future Visions
- Research for Innovation



Propositions from our design language doing

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/ Form should be the exact synthesis of
culture and desire
/ Images are the foundation of our
grammar, punctuation is more important
than spelling
/ Ideas have an expiry date
/ Body and mind, form and function,
physical and digital are not dichotomies
/ Mistakes drive choices as much as
intuition
/ The practice of simplicity requires
the ability to maintain clear thinking
throughout the process
/ Research becomes effective only
through practical experimentation
/ Turning an inspiration into a finished
product is a matter of character
/ Spontaneity needs to be practised to
turn into creativity
/ Wonder makes objects free from the
banality of consumption
/ Leave all preconceptions behind and
observe phenomena for what they are
/ The archetype is the steel structure
embedded in the concrete
/Through curiosity we care about objects
and so we care about the world
/ The experiment nurtures the innocence
of thought
/ Cultivating doubt is the real anti-age
/ Only mastering the technique allows
talent to be unleashed
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## Industrial + Interaction Design

The design language applied by Habits is essential and concise. Calm and precise, it is a mindful balance of honesty, beauty, innovation, discretion, coherence, ethics. The shape is interpreted in terms of the substance and not purely on the decorative aspects.



## 20 years of experience in lighting innovations and more than 50 lamps on the market.

Over the past two decades, the lighting industry has undergone significant changes, from the introduction of electronics to the arrival of information technology. Habits has always anticipated the development of new technologies in lighting, interpreting and bringing to life new shapes and experiences.

## Light is our DNA

decorative | outdoor | architectural | interactive







# Design the unexpected

#### Elastica

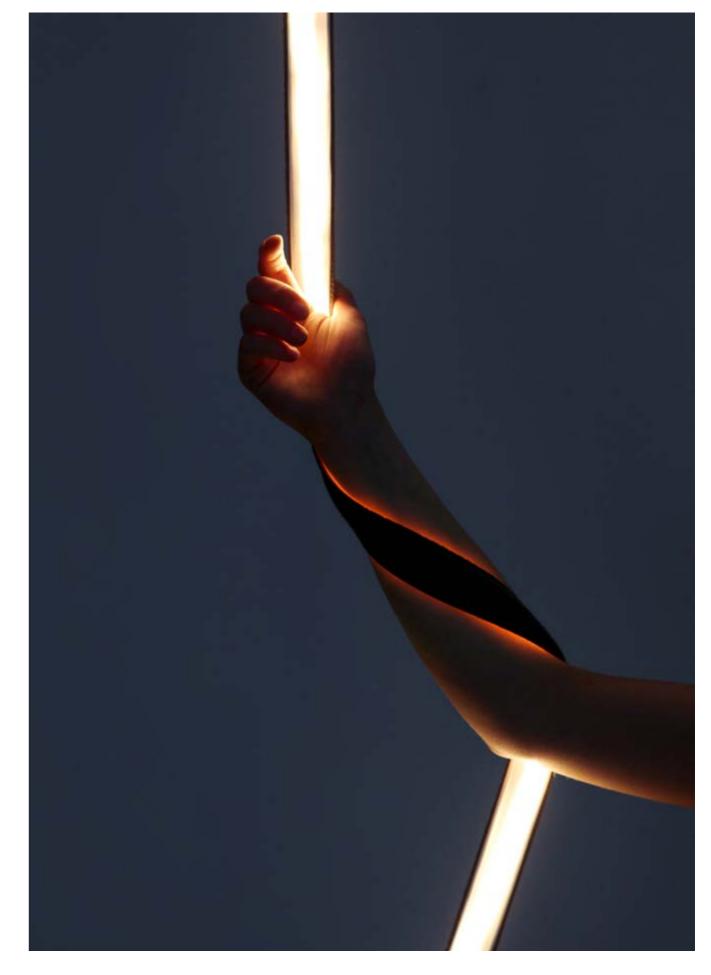
Flexible light 2018, Martinelli Luce

Elastica is a flexible linear lamp for ceiling-floor installation. A heavy base together with the elastic material allow different heights adaptability, as well as the inclination change.

The on / off and the light intensity adjustment is possible through the natural interaction with the elastic fabric. The lamp is made out of two-toned fabrics, on one side the white textile diffuses the light of the strip led, on the other side, the colored lycra strips mark colorful lines in the interiors.



- 1. elastic band
- 2. base cover
- 3. upper band block
- 4. led stripe
- 5. ceiling hook
- 6. load cell screws
- 7. load cell
- 8. electronics
- 9. electronics screws
- 10. electronics block
- rews 11. lower band block
  - 12. laser cut sensor cover
  - 13. base
  - 14. weight
  - 15. electronics case

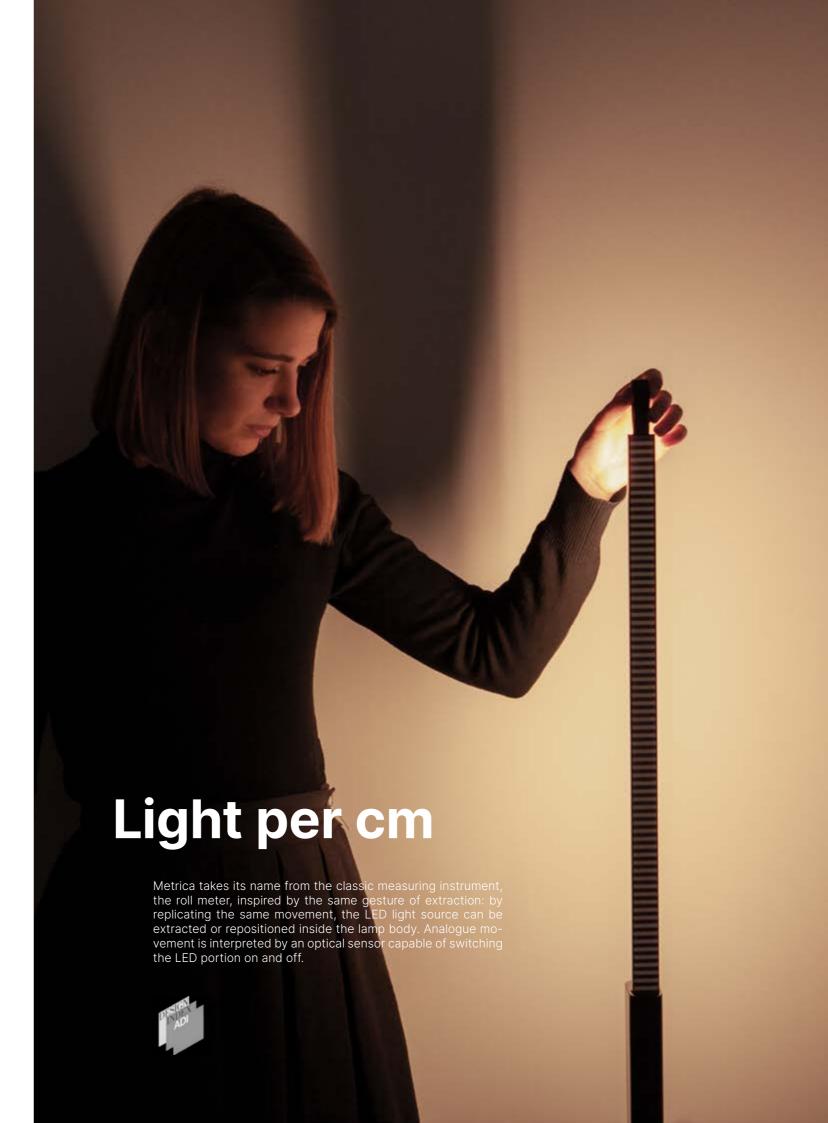


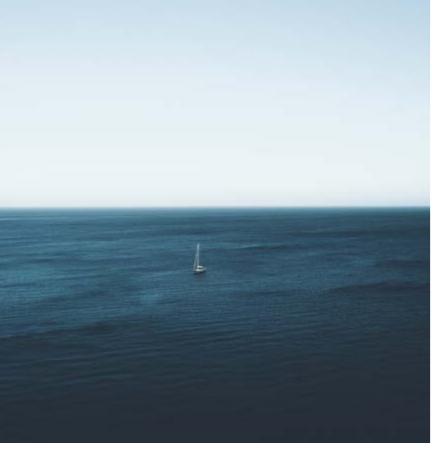
"We thought about how to exploit the mechanical properties of an elastic strip. With our solution elasticity becomes a metaphor for intensity in an innovative light modulation experience."



**Metrica**Adjustable lamp
2021, Martinelli Luce





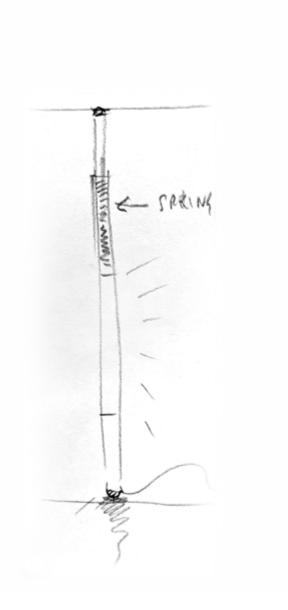


# Light as a sign







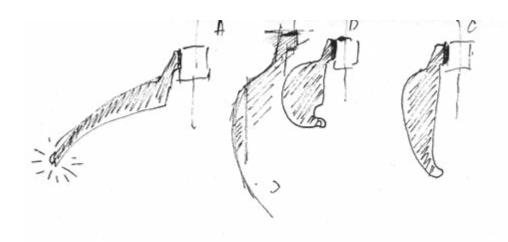


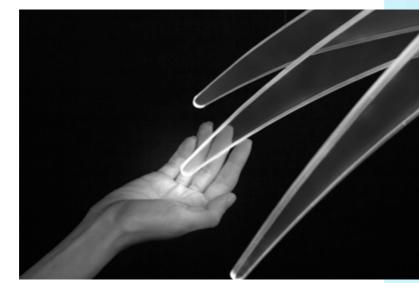


# Modularity and transparency

A new perception of the luminous object, with light, material and colour interacting through a game of transparency, reflection, refraction and diffusion.

The body of the lamp consists of ribs in injection-moulded transparent methacrylate, hiding the bulb, guaranteeing transparency and brightness. The ribs transmit light at the edges amplifying their brightness as there were many bulbs of a virtual chandelier.











# Process contamination

E04's detail of the electrical cable graft is obtained by hydroforming an aluminum tube. This technology was transferred in lighting design from the production of bicycle frames. We achieved a new and surprising "blossom" form factor, and the first double emission cylindrical lamp on the market.







**E04**Hydroformed lamp 2006, Luceplan



## Design the essential



Minimini
Suspension lamp
2009, Luceplan

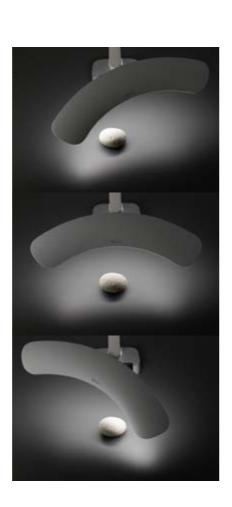


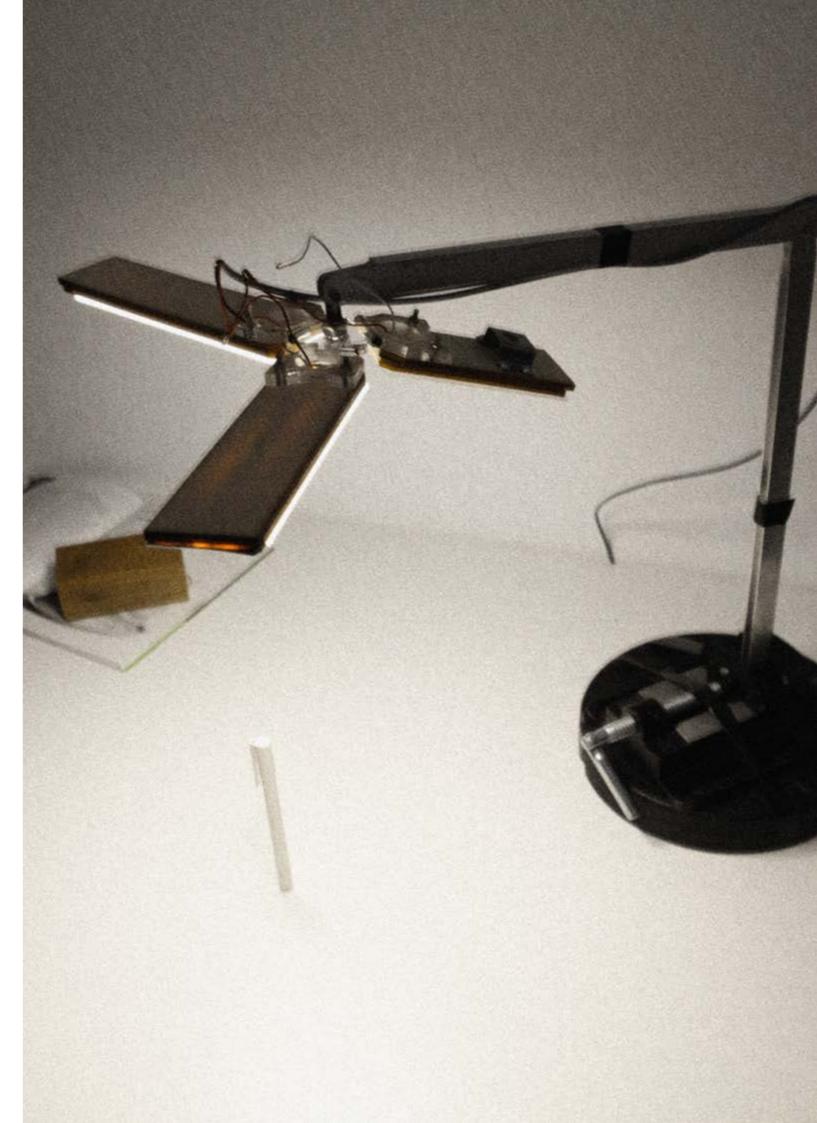
Study on cast shadows Lamp prototype 2022, Bull

Shadowless
Desk lamp
2022, Bull

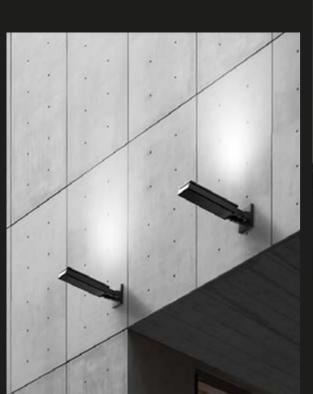
# Light is shadowless

Shadowless is a table lamp designed to give the user adaptive and shadowless lighting, thanks to the distribution of the light on the arc shaped head and a unique joint system.











D70 Boxer Modular floodlights 2018, Castaldi Lighting



# Outdoor lighting

Habits has a deep tradition and knowledge of technical lighting, developing multiple outdoor light systems and lamps. We combine optical, electrical, and mechanical performances with formal balance, seeking lightness in complexity.









e06
Minimal projector
2008, Luceplan

# Architectural Solutions

Simple, primitive shapes and the use of mimesis help to create a sense of harmony and balance, in a dialogue with the architecture.



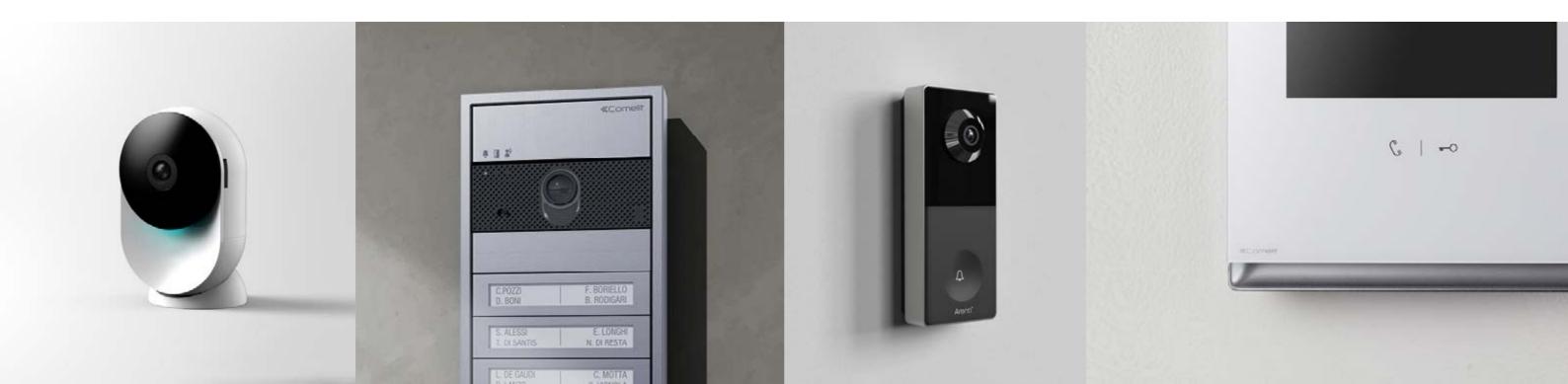
e01 + e03 Linear Light 2010, Luceplan



Habits developed an empirical and analytical approach in the definition of new relationships between people and home automation products. The design process focuses on creating iconic and functional products, discrete and integrated in the architecture. We often use light as information in shape of ambient feedback.

## **Building automation**

We design technologies for architecture.





# A distinctive architectural design language for Comelit













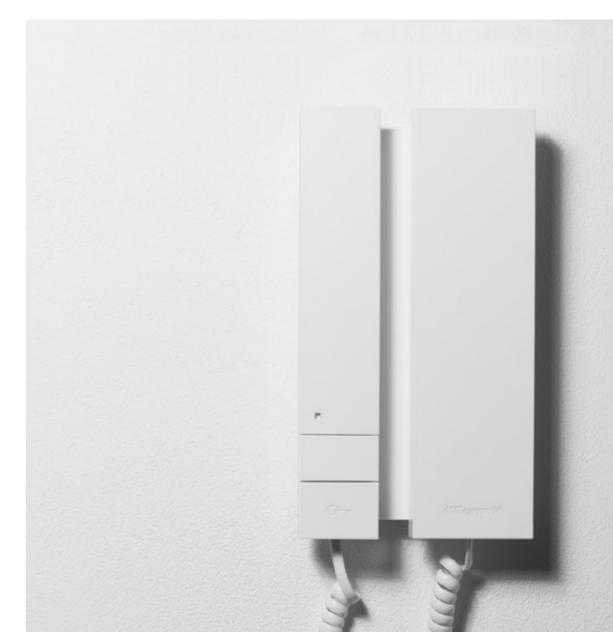






Mini
Intercom
2015, Comelit

Mini Handsfree Entry Phone 2015, Comelit



Mini Audio
Door entry phone
2015, Comelit

30NE6 Sense Entry Unit 2013, Comelit

#### Sensored metal

The Sense 316 door entry panel is made entirely of AISI 316 stainless steel. In contrast to traditional products, the metal surface is free of buttons, as the surface itself is touch-sensitive. The front panel is made using a sophisticated production process to achieve the required differences in material thickness needed for the capacitive sensors to work.

Sense 316 sets itself apart with a metal surface offering the highest level of material uniformity and through the absence of any apertures on the front panel. This simplicity of look and materials makes for a very robust and compelling appearance.





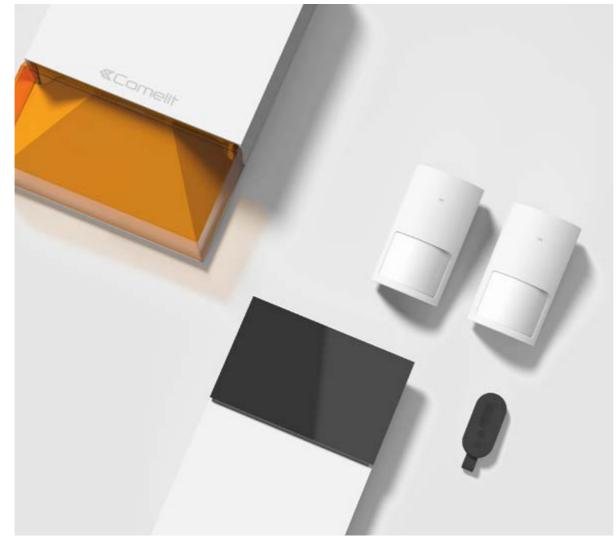


▼ Quadra Entry Unit 2015, Comelit





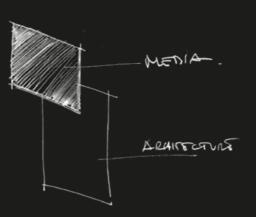
Vedo Anti-intrusion system 2021, Comelit



#### HUB Home automation 2019, Comelit

# Surfaces and layers

Hub is an alarm system for home automation: the white rectangles design represent the home integration as an interior element, while the black elements means the computational intelligence of the system.





HUB ▲
Home automation
2019, Comelit

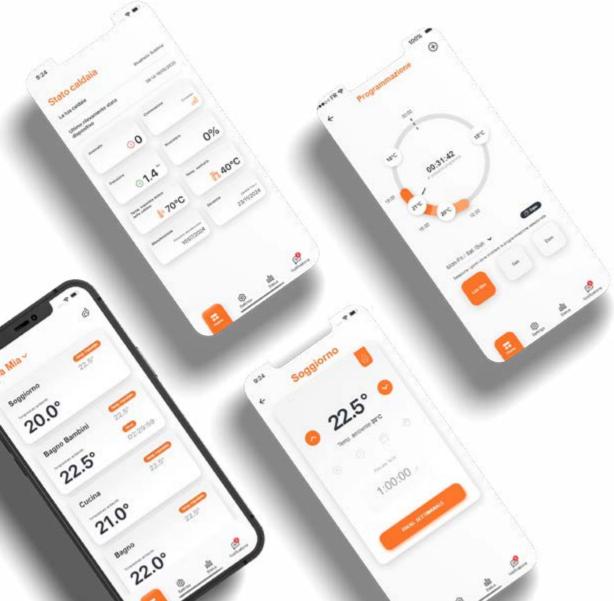
# Meaningful lighting

The Bluehelix Sublime water heater design gives a shape contrast (flat panel in the lower part + soft curve in the top one) to the front face of the product. The concave upper part is both aesthetically pleasant and functional, designed to reflect the light feedback in the ambient.

In addition we designed the interfaces both embedded in the product and remote (app); we worked on the overall product experience.



Bluehelix Sublime IoT water heater 2020, Ferroli



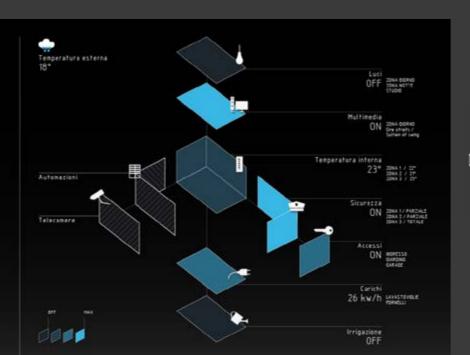






Comelit Home App Domotic App 2013, Comelit









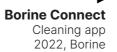


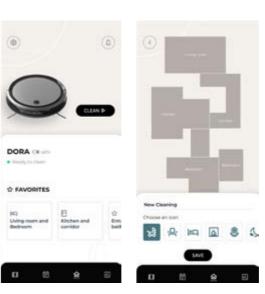
#### Consumption system Ann

Domotic App 2013, Comelit

# Physical to digital

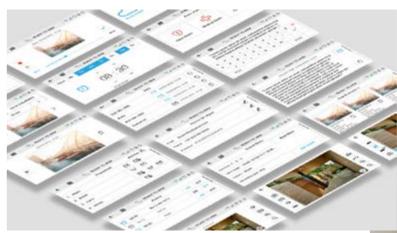
We design innovative interfaces that connect human habits and technologies creating **holistic experiences**. We have experience in designing full digital assets of our physical projects, from integrated visual interfaces to mobile and web app.











## Icona Interface Home automation monitor 2016, Comelit



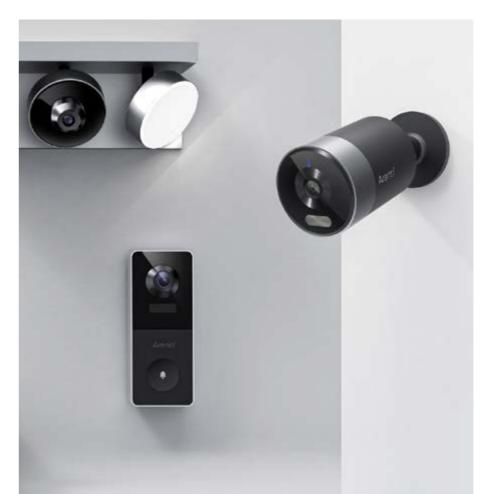






# An iconic metaphoric design identity for Arenti

Starting with the metaphor of the eye, we identified a number of distinctive elements that led us to consistently design the entire product family.

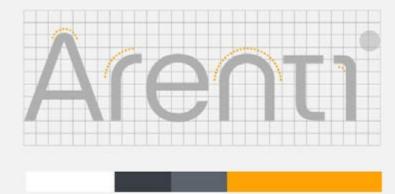


**▼ Eye** Security Camera Series 2021, Arenti



#### RETINA ARENTI

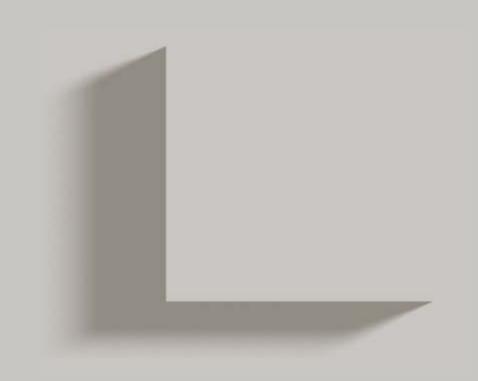
We defined the brand name Arenti, from the anagram of the word retina, referring to the eye.





Arenti identity Logo, website, app and packaging 2021, Arenti

## We design shadows



The switch becomes visible only when illuminated by the ambient light, creating a physical shadow through the layering and composition of materials.









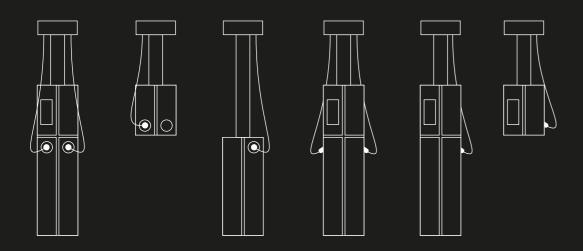
**G27 series**Wall switch series
2020, Bull

Ginga
EV charger
2022, Forth

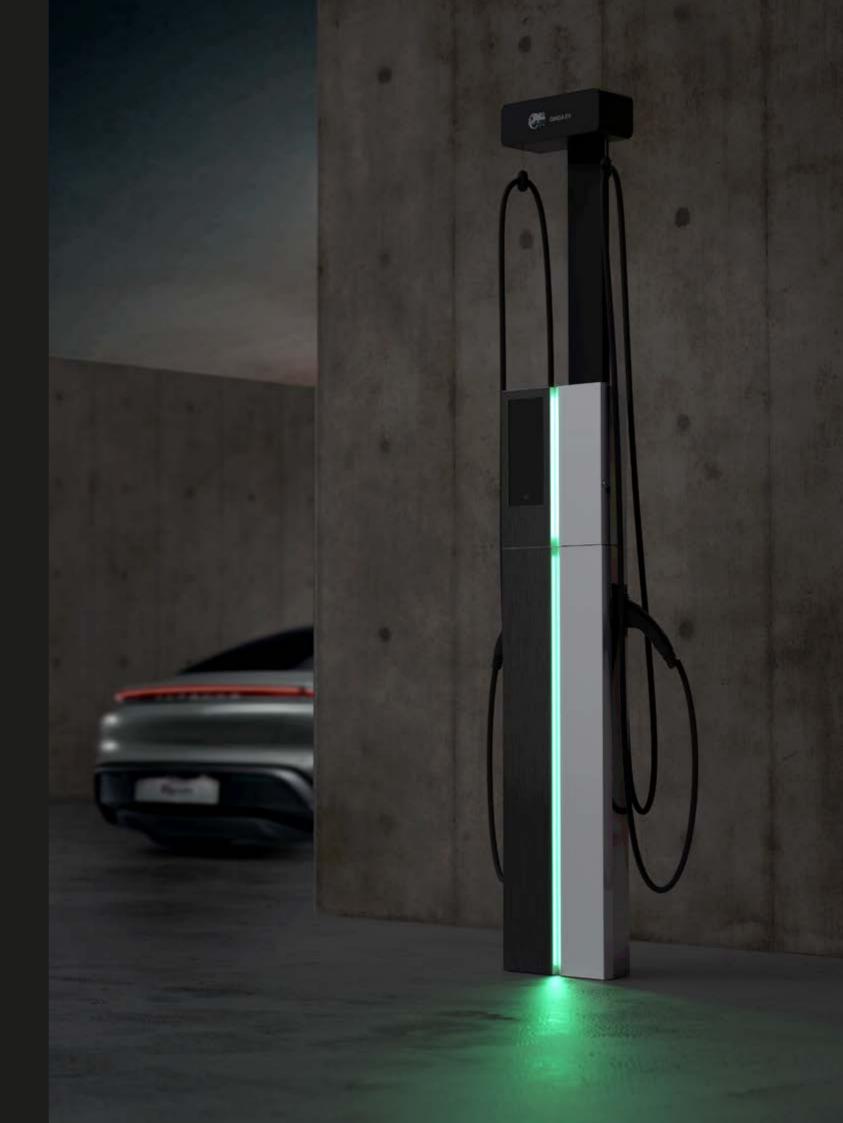
# Light is energy

The EV-charger is characterized by a linear vertical light feedback, which divides the body of the object. The lighting behavior is used to indicate the level of charge.

The product is flexible to configure and install both on a wall or a pedestal. This feature was achieved through the design solutions and manufacturing technologies adopted.



▲
Ginga | Variants
EV charger
2022, Forth





## We design new domestic rituals, imaging natural interactions.

We have reimagined the relationship with the space of living of most of the home appliances. The design language of Habits is marked by minimalist and pure shapes and a seamless interaction between humans and machines, exploring physical + digital interactions.

## **Domestic landscape**

+20 years in home appliances design field.









Jacqueline gives a touch of refined elegance to the perfect tea -brewing. Its shape recalls the traditional ceramic teapot, reinterpreted with a contemporary continuity of the parts' composition.

It combines aesthetics with IoT in a seamless way. Its base becomes bright with a light behaviour that gives an ambient feedback about the process status.

Jacqueline
IoT water kettle
2017, Bugatti

# Innovating an archetype



# Shaping details

At Habits Design Studio, we research, ideate, sketch, and prototype iteratively. Throughout the process, by delving deeper, we achieve simplicity by mastering complexity.



Shield
Vacuum mop
2022, Borine



▼
Shield Design Process
Vacuum mop
2022, Borine



# Hatari

# Wind DNA

We designed the ventilation appliances series for Hatari, Thailand's leading air treatment company. The flowing, harmonious lines are reminiscent of the gentle flow of air, interpreted differently but consistently across products.

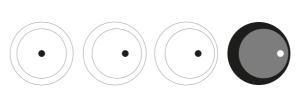


#### ▲ Flow

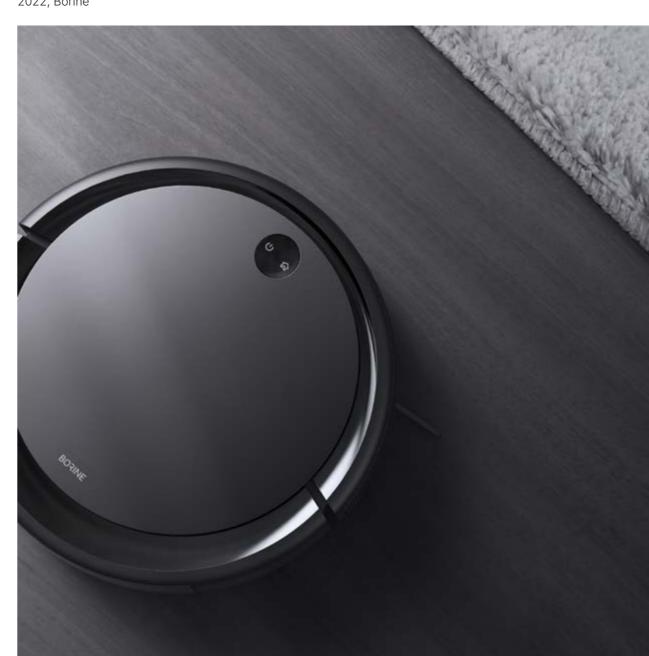
Ventilation appliances series 2021, Hatari



## Inspired by kinetics



Moon
Autonomous vacuum cleaner
2022, Borine





Habits designs industrial products for mobility and sports. Our projects have an aesthetic sense related to athletic gesture and movement. Shapes are designed almost in symbiosis with the environment in which they will be used. They are conceived with a humanistic approach.

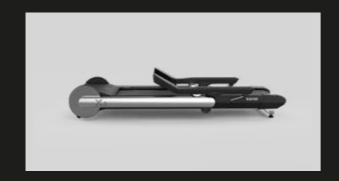
## Design the movement

Harmonizing human form and function.

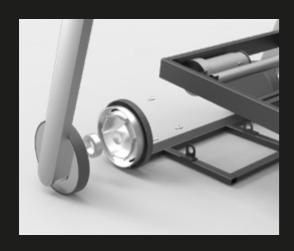


















### Design process from mockup to engineering





X3 PRO foldable treadmill 2018, Xquiao

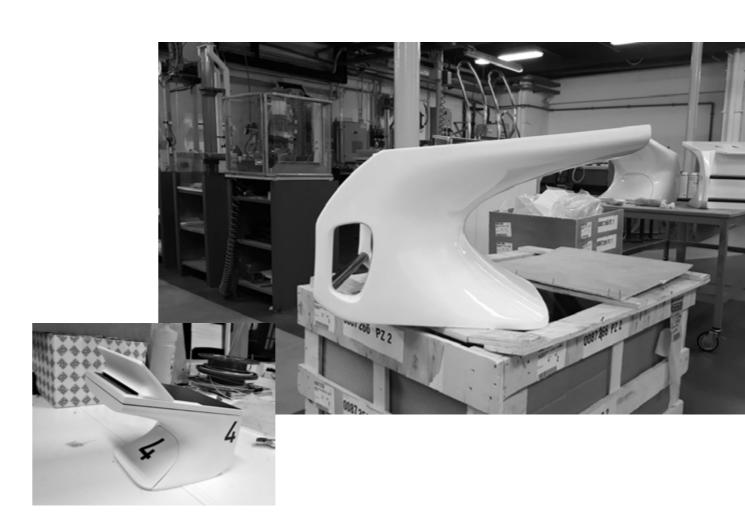


### Streamlining for high performances

Track-Start blocks, with their streamlined and slender shape, represents the effectivness and power of track starts.

The high-strength fiberglass construction allowed an extremely dynamic shape and cantilever structure of the object.





Track-start
Starting Block
2014, Myrtha Pools



### Natural symbiosis

SCOUT is an "adventure" dirt bike for kids. We combined a usually metal-only product with an unconventional wood insert, to represent the link and symbiosis with nature.

SCOUT bike for kids 2022





#### Interior + Exhibition

Habits has been imagining new spaces for more than 15 years, working mainly with Italian haute couture brands and multinational corporations. We create pure and iconic projects. Our specialties include visual merchandising, storefronts, shop-in-shop design, flagship stores, temporary installations and exhibition booths.



We design interiors, environments and exhibitions for various brands and companies, conveying through architectural composition the corporate values. In our international projects, we find the distinctive identity elements that are understandable worldwide, without loosing the local and original roots.

#### **Branding spaces**

Spreading values through interiors.





### ESA shop identity

We designed a system of furniture modules that would evoke an imaginary interior of an astronaut station. The interaction between shapes and light creates suspended surfaces with a sense of weightlessness.





**ESA Shop in Rome** flagship store 2022, ESA

# Architectural branding and guidelines book for ESA establishments

Environmental branding project for the headquarter and other establishments of the European Space Agency. We designed all individual brand touch points in buildings and the comprehensive guide listing all the rules to be followed for ESA's internal and external signage. This document is designed to ensure that signage is uniform and consistent across all locations.



## Material *slices* defining spaces

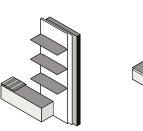


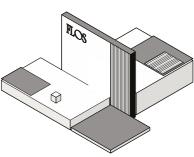
Flos Design Space is the result of an abstraction setup process that restores, through different material levels, the syntax of the living landscape.

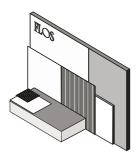
Solids, planes and lines of light are overlapped like theatre wings, drawing a depth of scene on which the lamps are portrayed as protagonists. Flos Design Space store 2021, Flos

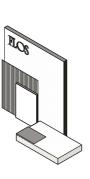


Flos Design Space ▼ modules 2021, Flos

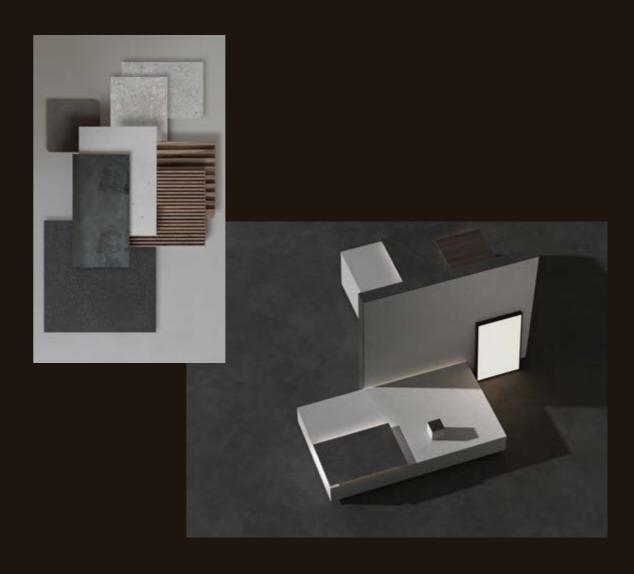




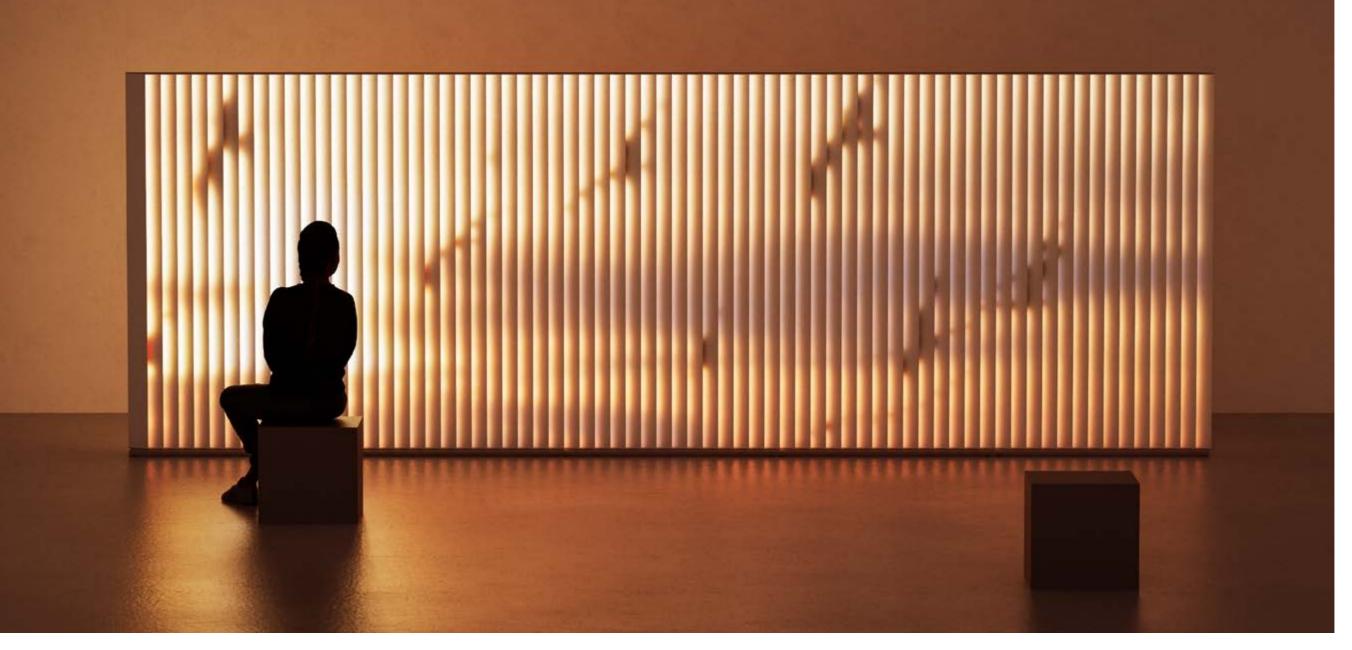












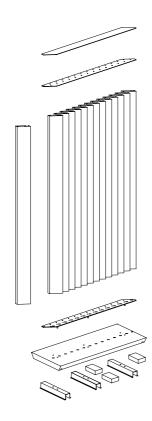
Panorama
Ambient Virtual Reality
2023

#### **PANORAMA**

#### **Ambient Virtual Reality**

PANORAMA is a partition that seamlessly blends the real and digital world, using cutting-edge technology to create a virtual ambient easing the constant pressure of sensory overload.

It provides a defined, intimate and private space, with a dynamic background that adapts to changing activities. The screen transforms into a backdrop that blurs the boundaries between reality and the virtual realm, inviting us to engage not as mere observers, but as active participants and central players.







#### **Future Visions**

Our design is an attitude toward innovation. We believe innovation is the base for honest and sustainable design, not styling. We create visions, through designs and prototypes, where the imagination and the reason demonstrate a result that has an impact on the material culture, a value that can be transformed into a tangible reality.



#### 400m<sup>2</sup> high-tech workshop laboratory.

We are inspired by technology to realize ideas from the beginning. Our culture of prototyping creates a seamless progress from concept to prototyping to product, using pervasive systems. We transform advanced technologies in tangible user benefits. We prototype hi-resolution interactions through Arduino (or other USB based microcontroller dev. systems), Raspberry Pi (or alike System on Chip, SoC); physical prototypes are built through various technologies, such as FDM and SLA 3D printers, milling, laser-cut machines.

#### Design by making

A technological perspective.





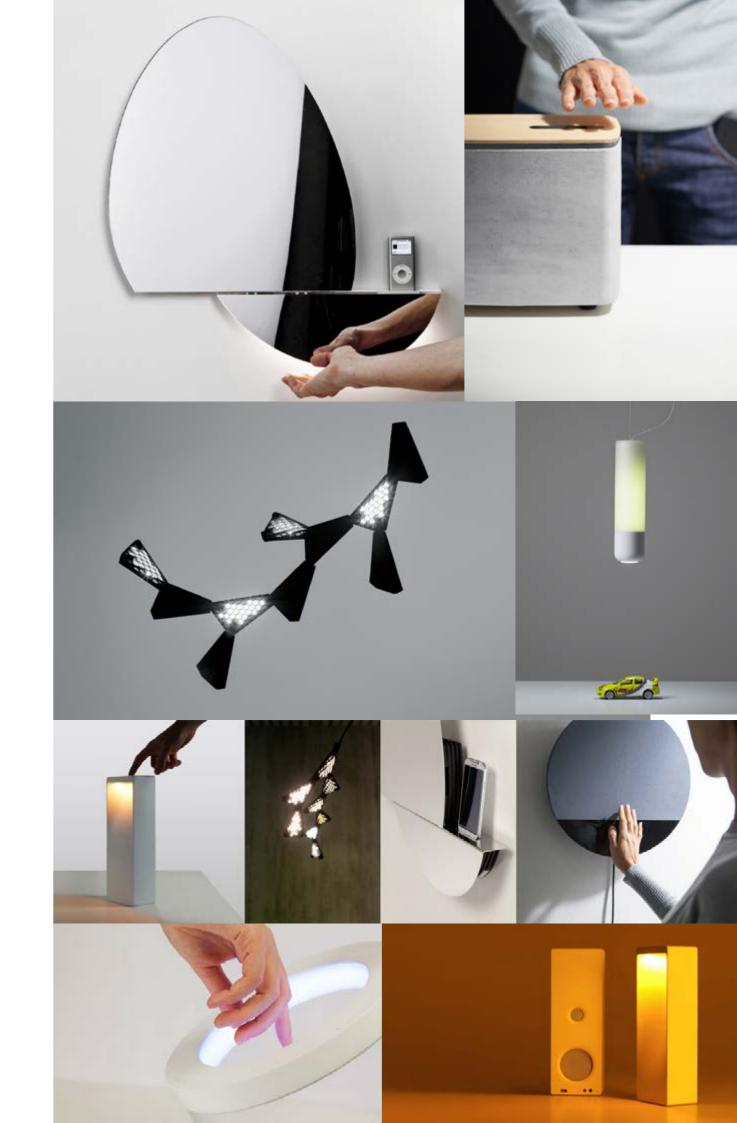
# Interaction Design through Physical Computing

#### DIGITALHABITS

The professional activity of Habits Studio has always challenged future perspectives about products and expressive codes. This led to the spin-off of Digital Habits, a completely new experience and a scenario in which present and future meet.

The design approach of Digital Habits takes a new angle to look at products, relating with them and developing new habits. The creations of Digital Habits are not simply products or graphic interfaces; they are experiences resulting from the contamination of electronics, technology, traditional design and physical computing. The new paradigms of this exploration of the future are open source design, digital manufacturing and natural interfaces.

The Digital Habits collection consists of interactive products that intervene on multiple levels of human perception creating an istinctual relationship between actions and results, between behavior and settings. These items designed for the home acquire new meaning thanks to an original approach that balances the physical world and the virtual habits.



#### Chromatic synesthesia

Cromatica is a digital product that combines a desk lamp and a speaker, controlled by gestures and an app. It is the first open source experiment in a real, industrial design product that allows users to mix light and sound effects.



Cromatica

light & sound scenarios 2015, Digital Habits

Maker Faire

#### **Unconventional materials**

Personal Audio Concrete Object.

P.A.C.O. is a digital loudspeaker manufactured in concrete and fir. The concrete body enhances the deepness of bass and the harmonic wood of the top gives clearness to the treble.

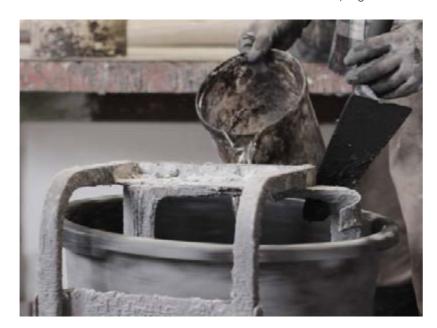
The top fir board is spotted by a black glossy capsule that hides sensors that enable hand movements recognition. Music controls can be played using the gestural interface.





#### PACO

concrete bluetooth speaker with gesture control, 2014, Digital Habits





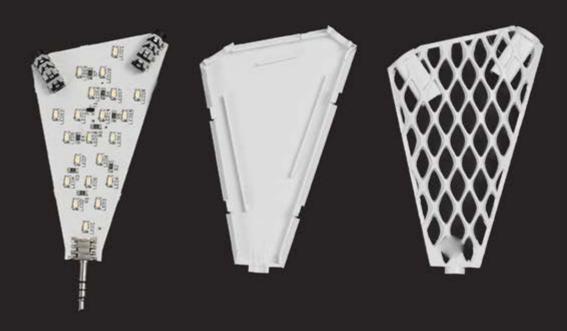




Dragon is a lamp with modular components that can be freely connected and controlled remotely from a device. Its accompanying software syncs automatically, mapping the chosen layout, type, and arrangement of the modules to the desired lighting effects. The Dragon's triangular modules can be combined and aggregated infinitely to create unique, high-impact lighting scenarios.

#### Dragon fractal chandelier 2014, Digital Habits

### Fractal interactive modularity

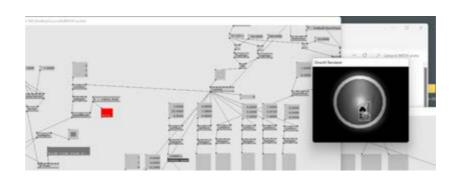




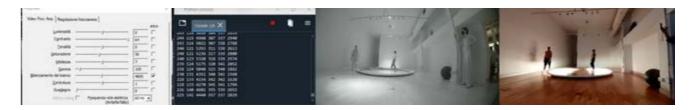


















Sincronia is an interaction design performance that investigates the relationship between movement, light, and sound. The circular arena, controlled by an Al-Based Computer Vision, reacts to moving bodies and creates a harmony of luminous traces.

Habits displayed "Sincronia" during Milan Design Week 2022 at Superstudio Superdesign Show.

# Research for innovation

Habits' expertise goes beyond the development of new products. Study, analysis and research are fundamental to the creative process of projects, making them innovative and up-to-date.

We research, understand and translate people's desires, observing their **habits** 

# An international experience in research for design, from Milan to Bangkok.

Our process follows the project from brief to research to design development. This holistic process ensures that our research findings and insights are focused and relevant for product design improvements. Design-orientated insights are then translated into opportunities for design improvements.

We have conducted many user research projects in Europe and Asia, both for exploration at the beginning of the project and as product validation.

Thanks to our branch in Bangkok and team members from China and Southeast Asia, our coverage and perspective on the region is deep and grounded.

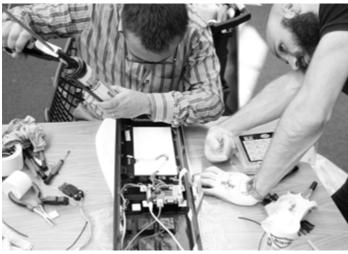


**+7** Languages

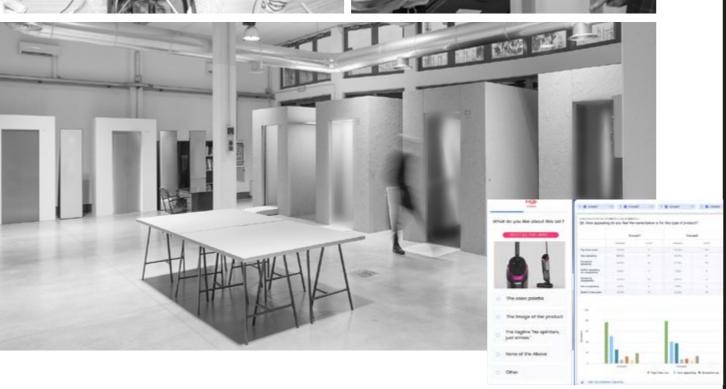
# In our design process we test prototypes with users to validate our ideas.



Work in progress of one of our current main client's project. Pictures from inital brainstorming to one of many testing phases in a 600m2 showroom setup fully equipped with our 1:1 interactive prototypes.







## Our physical and digital research tools

#### Digital Ethnography

Survey with users screening

Interview

Digital workshops

Daily tasks diary

#### User observation

International Home Visits

**Expert interview** 

User testing

Workshops

Focus group

Pretotyping Advertising

#### Desk analytics

Trend research

Report analysis

Benchmark

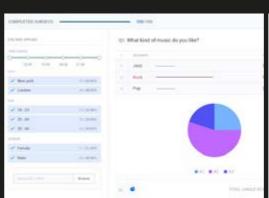
Sentiment analysis

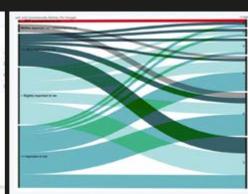
Moodboard

Blue skies research

Technological transfer

Al-based research





Online tool used to conduct qualitative surveys of our projects by interviewing selected users.

"The design process is based on careful and curious research that merges and creates: memories, know-how, insights, opportunities, dreams and functions."

#### We are trusted design advisors

In our 20 years of experience, we have forged trusted and lasting partnerships with national and international clients. We offer our expertise shaping company's identities and design language, manage collections, and provide insight and mentorship for concept development.



▲ Haier design consultants



▲ Mellkit 2019 Conference "Design minimalism" speech



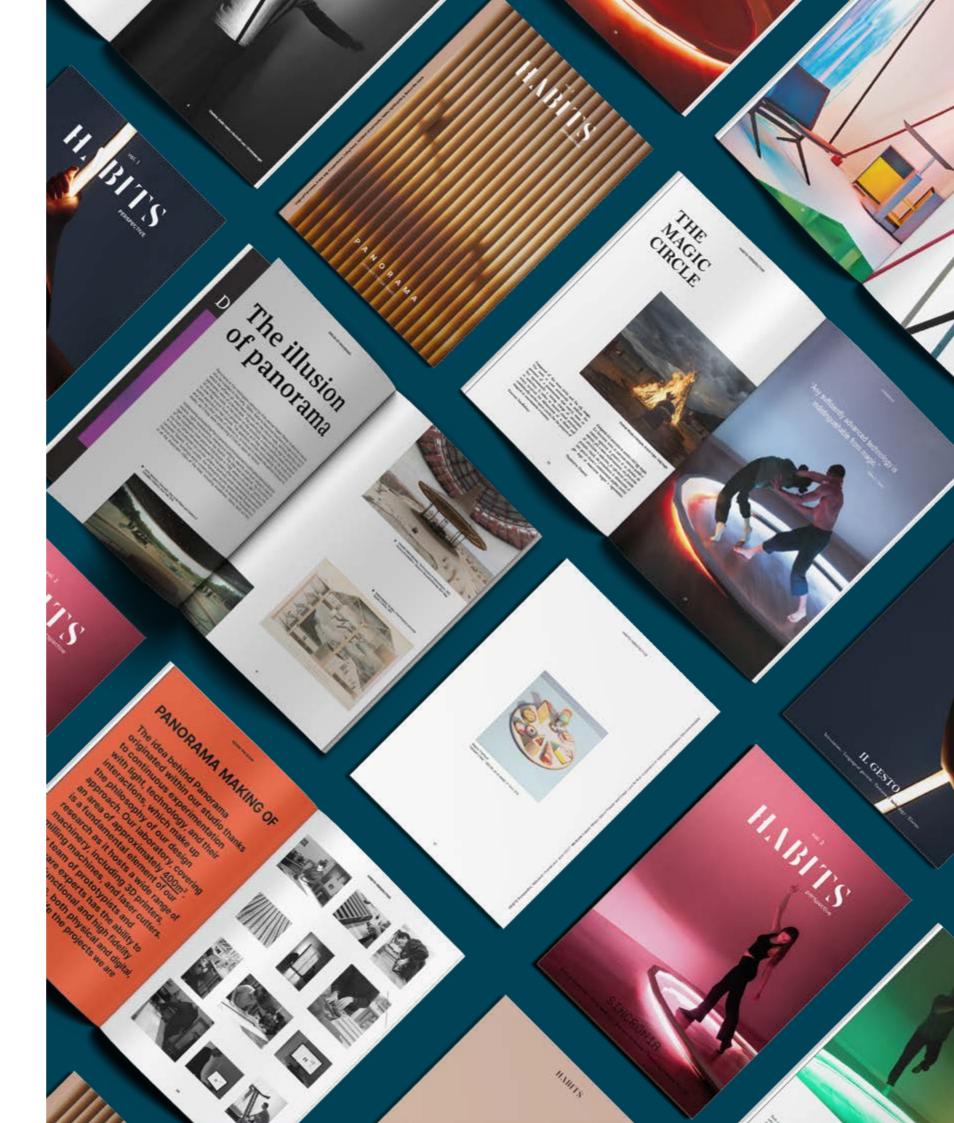
▲ Vietnam Design Association partnership

### HABITS' perspective

"Habits Perspective" is a studio publication offering a personal perspective on topics of interest and experimentation.

Each volume is meant to offer an overview, though not exhaustive, of a topic that we have had the opportunity to study in depth through our work and that we believe reflects our way of doing design. The in-depth analysis, the background and captions contribute to make the readers part of the project atmosphere, leading them through the lines of thought that led to the genesis of the project and making them aware of how sometimes non-linearity represents the shortest way to reach the objective.







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+ 150 Students' projects



# We work with Universities and future designers.

Teaching is a way for us to analyze, synthesize and formalize the knowledge achieved in design practice. We provide our knowledge and expertise to foster the growth and advancement of ideas. Collaboration allows us to explore new topics along with the next generation of designers.

All members of our team have an active role in the theoretical construction and in spreading our design model. We have been leading courses, workshops or individual lecture for many years, at various Italian and global Universities and institutions.

At Habits, we are experienced in supervising students during their thesis project development. We take the role of mentors, guiding and reviewing the evolution of student concepts from the research phase to advanced development and prototyping, helping them to reach successful results.







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