

## **se:café bar: catering to the needs of the modern workplace**

The modern world of work is dominated by notions of agility and collaboration. So, the places we meet are vitally important. The new se:café bar is much more than just somewhere to get a cup of coffee. It is at the very heart of the contemporary office, where good coffee is enjoyed in good company and hospitable surroundings.

“The idea for the se:café bar arose from a desire to create something more than a piece of furniture,” explains Konstantin Thomas, designer at Sedus Stoll AG. “The café bar is a social setting that fosters communication, socialising, and transparency. As working environments become more fluid and human, we need spaces that reflect this dynamic.

### **Feeling good**

The se:café bar is a response from Sedus to one of the key requirements of the modern workplace. With its timeless design and modular versatility, it can blend effortlessly into any office environment. Whether as a wall-mounted catering unit, room divider or island - the modules can be used flexibly to create an informal, welcoming setting for people to chat and share ideas and knowledge.

Thanks to the smartly conceived product design, the se:café bar is not only strikingly good looking, but also functional, offering all the features that are required in a modern office.

These include

- provision of hot and cold drinks
- cooking facilities for food
- storage space for crockery and cutlery
- spaces for sinks and dishwashers

### **Modular design: simple, flexible, tailored**

“With the se:café bar, we have designed a system that works in a structured, modular way but also has an emotional impact,” says Thomas. “Clear lines, honest materials, and a deliberately simplified design idiom allow the product to fit into a wide variety of settings – from a lively coworking space to the quiet library of a new work culture.”

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Thanks to their self-supporting construction and concealed fittings, the modules are easy to integrate without the need to make structural modifications. The catering point can be used in a variety of ways:

- work cafés: the social anchor point for socialising and meeting
- canteens & bistros: a welcoming alternative to the classic kitchenette
- lounge and reception areas: space-saving catering module for guests and employees
- intermediate zones and hubs: contact points for short interactions

The choices are almost limitless. All elements such as frames, fronts, worktops and side panels can be configured independently of each other. There is a choice of high-quality melamine surfaces. The design is complemented by functional strips, shelves and accessories made from black powder-coated metal, which give the se:café bar a distinctly modern feel.

## **A must-have for stylish working environments**

The se:café bar is not a classic kitchen. It has been developed specifically to meet the requirements of the office: the focus is on coffee, drinks and the exchange of ideas and information. Unlike a kitchen, it is not designed for the preparation of hot food, but is intended to complement the main canteen or act as a contemporary alternative to the traditional work kitchen.

Its intuitive design eliminates the need for complex kitchen plans. The modules can be combined effortlessly and integrated into a space without having to make structural modifications.

“The vision was to optimise the atmosphere of the space in the most straightforward way possible. It should be a product that doesn't dominate its setting, but inspires and connects us,” says Thomas. “The se:café bar brings people together – in the best sense of the word: naturally, functionally, and, with an eye on the future.”

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