



# Uniun.

The concept of the Uniun range is built on the idea that informal seating planter 'islands' encourage more social use of spaces than conventional linear forms.

Uniun modules can be arranged in unusual or abstract ways allowing people to face in different directions, or face each other. You can combine planter and seating modules creating green buffers and backdrops between and around seating provision.

Uniun is a unique approach to seating and planting for public spaces, it can be used for both seating and planters or subdivided to provide seating and planting within the same module.

From a single common base moulding, its clever trapezoid geometry offers many different configuration options which canbe flipped and rotated, and used with or without a lid to create 14 different modules.





## Why Uniun?

- Readily movable: easy to reconfigure to suit the space
- Lightweight but tough polyethylene base moulding
- Available in multiple finish options, including bright colours
- Height adjustable feet to accommodate variable site levels
- Freestanding or bolt-down installation
- Grooved feature lines on base moulding and seating surfaces to aid alignment of adjacent modules



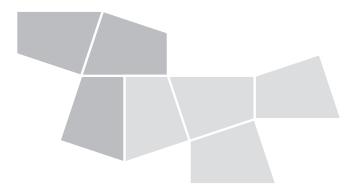
# The geometry.

Trapezoid is a 4-sided flat shape with straight sides and no parallel sides. Adding two opposite right-angled corners introduces further relationships between the two pairs of sides, with one adjacent pair being equal length and for the second pair, one side being twice the length of the other.

It is these principles that enable different sides of the product modules to be abutted and aligned to form unusual geometric and organic configurations.







Trapezoid & reverse hand trapezoid example showing abutment of different modules and edges

Trapezoid

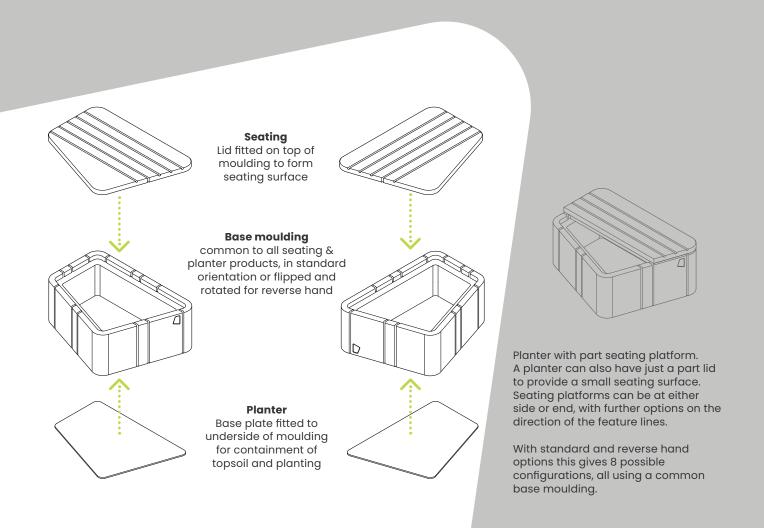
# Uniun: flip and rotate

A particular unique feature of the Uniun design is that the base moulding is common to all seating and planter modules by virtue of it being able to be flipped and rotated, and used in either of its upright orientations.

The base moulding is essentially a ring, to which either a lid and / or a base is added. Creating a number of seating and planter combinations.

From a single common base moulding, which can be flipped and rotated for a reverse hand version of the trapezoid in plan, 14 different individual modules are created, offering:

- 4 all-seating units, each with a different platform configuration and detailing
- 2 all-planter units, in the standard and reverse hand forms
- 8 split seats / planters, each with a different half for the planting and with seating platform details to match the all-seating units
- Full seating platforms
- Accommodate a minimum of 3-4 adults and half platforms generally 2 people, though when used in childrencentric locations they can offer an increased seating capacity.

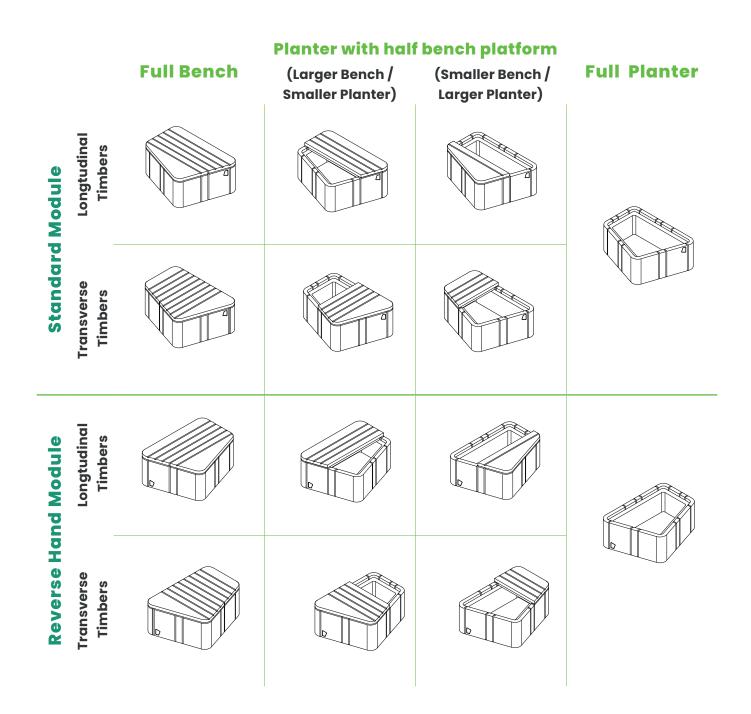


## **Module options.**

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#### Plastic base unit

Uniun bench and planter base module is manufactured in the UK from rotationally-moulded LLDPE (linear low density polyethylene) it is fully recyclable and is available in a wide range of colour options.

All colours are classified as all 'throughcolours' (i.e. not just a surface coating) which means scuffs will not expose any base material of a different colour. Standard colour options are shown here:

#### Mottled / stone effect colours

These colours comprise a mix of colours that combine as a mottled finish, with the benefit of better disguising scuffs and marks.



#### **Neutral / Natural colours**

Flat neutral colours help accentuate the contrasting natural colour and texture of the timber top on benches and greenery in planter modules.







#### **Bright colours**

Vibrant colours make a bold statement and brighten up any space. They are particularly popular in lower school environments.





Yellow

Light Blue

Black is offered in fully recycled material \*We offer special colours for large volumes

### Timber bench top

Bench tops are manufactured from Ikoro - a West African hardwood that is rich in natural oils and with a 'Very Durable' classification.

As standard we apply a UV protective finish in a 'teak' colour, which helps to retain the natural colouration of

iroko and protect the timber over a longer period. To maintain a good long term colouration we would typically recommend re-coating after 12 months. Other colours are available or if preferred, bench tops can be supplied in a natural untreated state, without any finish coat.

#### **Neutral timber colours**

Teak is our standard colour as it is closest match to natural iroko.All natural colours allow the grain of the iroko to clearly show through the finish coat.







#### **Neutral colours**

Greys and blacks can be particularly effective when combined with plastics base mouldings in the bright colour range.







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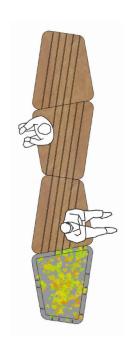
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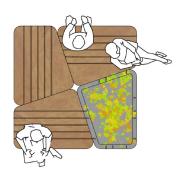
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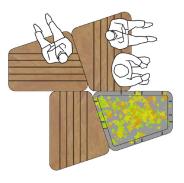
# Formal geometric Configurations.

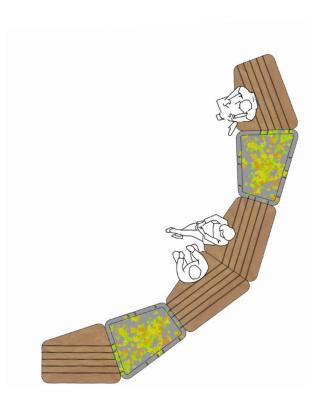
The trapezoid shape of the Uniun module means they can be placed together in geometrical arrangements that are both decorative and functional at the same time.

Layouts can be created using linear or island forms and mixing seating and planter units can further reinforce the geometrical patterning.









# Linear layouts, straight and angled

Linear arrangements can be straight, angled, or a combination of the two. This is created by joining adjacent modules on singular sides. As with creating angled layouts as opposite sides of individual modules aren't parallel.

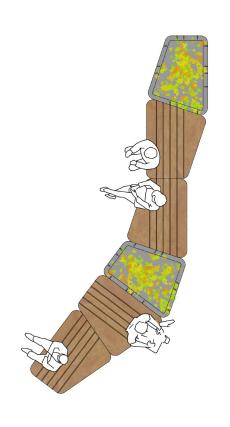
#### Islands

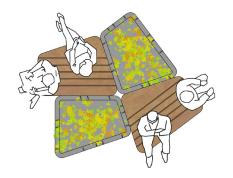
You can create large, solid island configurations by placing adject modules so that two of their adjacent sides touch the neighbouring unit. Combining seating and planter modules to this effect are well suited to large open spaces.

# Informal organic Configurations.

When arranging modules more informally, almost any overall shape and size can be achieved and visually much more interesting. With more changes in direction the seating in particular can be less formal and more fun to use.

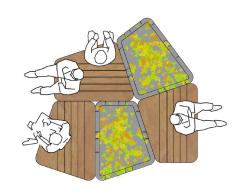
Again, arrangements can be broadly viewed as either linear or island, as shown on the examples below, but these can be combined to form almost any layout.





# Linear layouts, straight and angled

You can join adjacent modules on random different sides using standard and reverse hand units. Variable seating platform types and occasional planters can create an informal linear chain, much like an island archipelago.



#### Islands

When seating modules are clustered they form larger scale platforms, facing different directions and with an informal perimeter edge. Adding planters provides green buffers between the seating, creating small more private and informal seating areas.

# Uniun all-seating modules

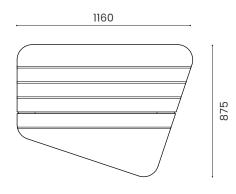
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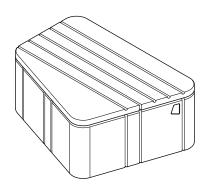
- Low density polyethylene base moulding, mottled dark grey (ref. 9210), supplied c/w 2 no. ground fixing plates for bolting down
- Iroko laminated seating platform, smooth planed with UV protective finish (teak)
- 1160mm x 875mm overall plan x 480mm high

### **Options (ALL MODELS)**

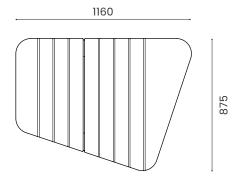
- Base moulding in alternative colours
- Timber platform in alternative colour UVP treatment

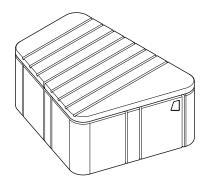
## Seating unit, full-size platform with longitudinal feature lines





Seating unit, full-size platform with transverse feature lines





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# Uniun reverse hand modules

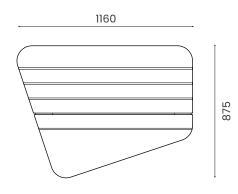
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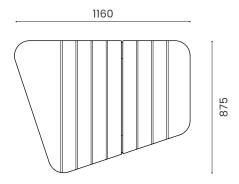
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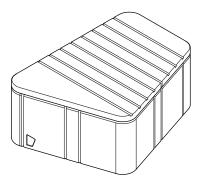
- Base moulding in alternative colours
- Timber platform in alternative colour UVP treatment

## Seating unit, full-size platform with longitudinal feature lines



Seating unit, full-size platform with transverse feature lines





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# Uniun planter modules with half seating platform (majority seating)

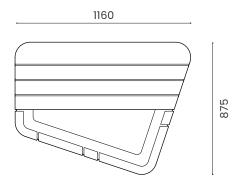
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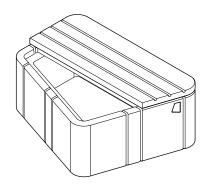
- Low density polyethylene base moulding, mottled dark grey (ref. 9210), with galvanised steel base plate
- Iroko laminated seating platform, smooth planed with UV protective finish
- 1160mm x 875mm overall plan x 480mm high
- Planter capacity 150 litres

### **Options (ALL MODELS)**

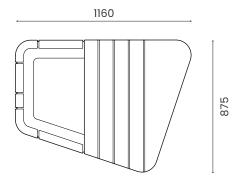
- Base moulding in alternative colours
- Timber platform in alternative colour UVP treatment
- Ground fixing plates (pair) for bolting down (generally not required as filled planter typically weighs 200-300kg)

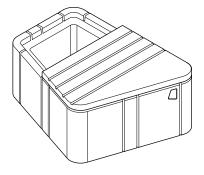
### Planter with longitudinal half seating platform





## Planter with transverse half seating platform





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# Uniun planter modules with half seating platform (majority seating) reverse hand modules

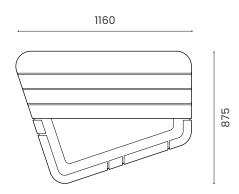
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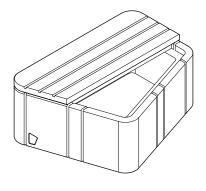
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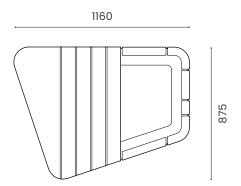
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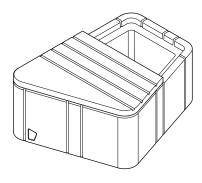




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## Planter with transverse half seating platform





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# Uniun planter modules with half seating platform (majority seating)

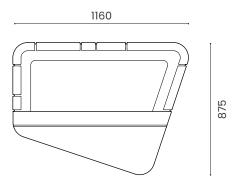
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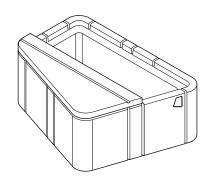
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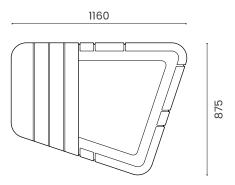
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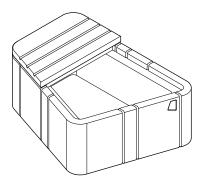
## Planter with longitudinal half seating platform





Planter with transverse half seating platform





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# Uniun planter modules with half seating platform (majority seating) reverse hand modules

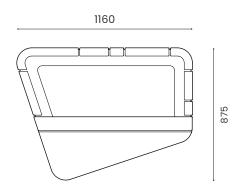
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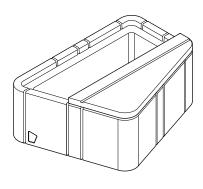
- Low density polyethylene base moulding, mottled dark grey (ref. 9210), with galvanised steel base plate, supplied c/w brackets for bolting down
- Iroko laminated seating platform, smooth planed with UV protective finish
- 1160mm x 875mm overall plan x 480mm high
- Planter capacity 150 litres

### **Options (ALL MODELS)**

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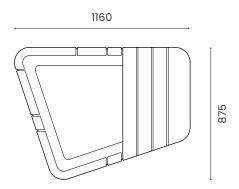
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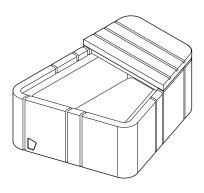




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### Planter with transverse half seating platform





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# Uniun all-planter module

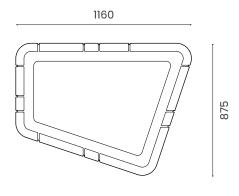
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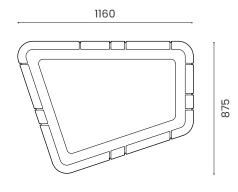
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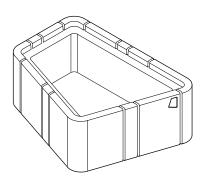
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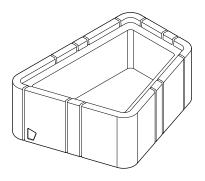
**Planter unit** 









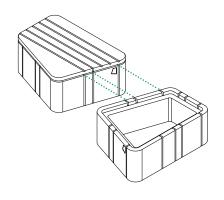


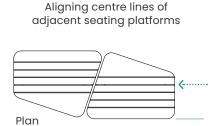
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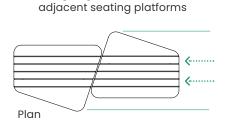
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# Placement and alignment.

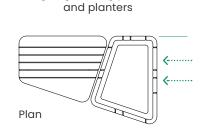
Grooves on both the side faces of the base moulding and on the top face of the seating platform are designed to aid placement of adjacent modules, in many different configuration options, as shown on the examples below.







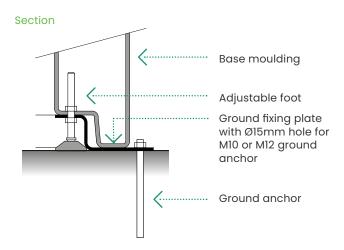
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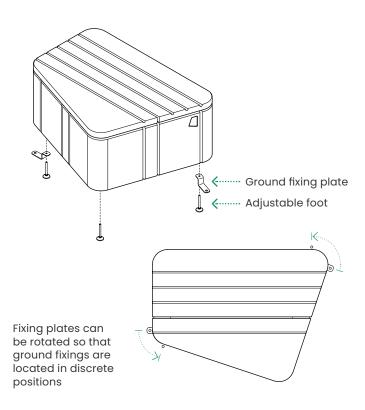
Aligning seating platforms

# Levelling and fixing down•

All modules have adjustable feet, allowing for levelling on sloped ground, up to 50mm height difference on adjacent feet. At secure sites, products can be left freestanding. Seating modules are supplied with 2 no. fixing plates for bolting down.



A filled planter typically weighs 200-300kg, so generally will not require fixing down, though ground fixing plates can be supplied if required.



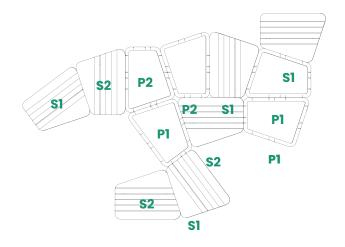
# Endless possibilities.

Uniun is a trapezoid-shaped building block that lends itself to unsual angular configurations that can create unique combinations of multi-directional seating and planters.

Modules can be arranged in straight lines, clusters or even to create seating alcoves.

Planters can be used to provide green buffers, so that seating spaces become more private.

These types of arrangements are ideal for large open paved spaces, introducing seating and planting in a coordinated range of contemporary-styled products.



Modules shown on example configuration:

#### Seating

\$1 Full platform module

**\$2** Full platform reverse hand module

#### **Planters**

P1 Planter module

P2 Planter reverse hand module

All platforms are longitudinal feature line versions. Platforms with transverse feature lines and half bench / half planter combinations offer more variety.



## Case studies.

recent projects
where you can
see Uniun
in its full glory

Some of our



## Why Furnitubes.

- Made in the UK
   our factory is based in Kent, so
   expect faster leadtimes and no
   supply chain delays
- Easy to maintain + low labour costs
  we make sure that fixing points are
  easily accessible so slats and
  brackets can be changed easily
  when damaged
- Modular solutions
   our ranges are modular and
   customisable, seating and planters
   can be easily combined, be creative
   without blowing the budget
- Our approach
  we take a considered approach to
  design, it's not just about the end
  product. We take everything in the
  process into consideration, we are
  collaborative and we are committed to
  producing products that improve our
  environment & keep people safe.





### **Our Process**.

- Get in touch it's as simple as that, give us a call or drop us an email, we're happy to help whatever the medium!
- Collaborate Depending on your needs, you might not actually need us at this stage, that's the beauty of our modular ranges they're designed with you in mind, so you can specify with ease. Nevertheless, we are here for you if you do our design team are always on hand to discuss the nitty gritty of your project.
- **Specification** This is where our team of experts take the wheel and help you with sketches, CADs and more to help you specify our products as easily as possible.
- Production + delivery all of our products are designed and manufactured in the UK allowing us to give you shorter lead times.
   With a dedicated project manager keeping you in the loop, you can trust everything is in hand.

