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Closer by Vibia: the tactile dimension of light

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Designed by Ichiro Iwasaki for lighting brand Vibia, Closer explores light as a companion to everyday life. Its visual lightness, subtle presence and woven shade create a sense of warmth and intimacy, gently enveloping the light and inviting people closer. Available in pendant and floor versions, the collection brings a serene, welcoming atmosphere to spaces designed for living, gathering and resting.

“A luminaire with softness and lightness, comfortable when close to the body and in harmony with furniture designed for rest.”

— Ichiro Iwasaki.

Designed to accompany the user throughout the day, Closer fits naturally into a wide range of interiors, from classic to contemporary. Despite its generous proportions, it has a surprisingly light appearance. Individually handcrafted from a durable, finely woven fabric, its spherical, semitransparent shades have a distinctive visual and tactile quality. The mesh is firm yet pliable and is available in terracotta, beige or green, adding subtle nuances to the light.

The light source is concealed at the top of the luminaire, allowing the shade itself to take centre stage. The fabric gently filters both light and air, enveloping the surrounding space in an appealing glow and casting a soft halo of directed, diffuse light. Available in three proportions, wider or more elongated, and in pendant or floor versions, the collection offers a range of luminous forms that can define both intimate corners and large-scale spaces.

Closer works particularly well in domestic spaces such as living rooms, dining rooms and relaxation areas, where its textured forms create a sense of calm and connection. It is also suited

to spaces with large glazed surfaces, where its translucent fabric interacts with natural light and visually connects indoor and outdoor environments.

Suspended above a dining table or kitchen island, Closer becomes a dynamic focal point that combines ambient light with warm, functional illumination. In bedrooms and spaces for rest, it offers an elegant alternative to the traditional bedside lamp, casting a nuanced, restorative glow that complements the textures and furnishings around it.

The refined silhouette of Closer makes it equally suited to hospitality projects, such as hotel suites, restaurants, spa receptions, lounge areas and bars. The different configurations and sizes can be combined playfully to reinforce the identity of a space, while its soft, welcoming light and serene presence enrich the user experience and sense of well-being.

Arranged in layers at different heights, compositions of pendant luminaires create depth and rhythm, captivating with subtle variations in transparency. A single pendant luminaire can also be used to aid circulation in corridors, entrance areas and stairways, guiding people through the space while acting as a sculptural piece. The ceiling rose allows installation on both horizontal and sloped ceilings, adapting to different architectural settings.

The floor versions bring a sense of mobility to the collection. Portable and cordless, they can easily be moved from one space to another, while induction charging preserves the visual purity of the design. Like a companion of light, the luminaire follows the rhythm of everyday life, quietly moving its familiar presence between different moments and settings.

Combined with the pendant luminaires, the portable versions reinforce the visual rhythm and complete the composition on the horizontal plane. Both versions feature dimming, allowing the atmosphere to evolve throughout the day: from brighter light for gathering and conversation to a softer, more intimate glow for moments of rest. A simple touch button allows the floor version to be adjusted between three brightness levels.

Closer accompanies the rhythm of everyday life. Its textured forms bring warmth and character without demanding attention, while its variety of finishes, shapes and configurations allows the collection to adapt naturally to its surroundings. Whether arranged as a landscape of light or introduced as an individual luminaire, Closer establishes an intimate dialogue between people, space and light, making interiors feel immediately warmer and more welcoming.

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