

**MERIT  
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## FURNITURE DESIGN COMPETITION 2006



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### VITA

The bench is inspired by the various world renowned projects that used coloured ribbons (red, pink, yellow) to raise awareness of pressing social and medical issues such as AIDS, breast cancer, and about unlocking the "second prison", which ex-convicts often find themselves trapped within as a result of cold social discrimination. Ribbons are now metaphors of life and its greatest moments of compassion, forgiveness, respect and courage.

The airy, smooth and flowing form of a ribbon allows infinite possibilities to take shape. Each fold reminds us of life's crossroads - where we often perceive as the end, they are mere bends in God's bigger vision of life.

The form and shape of ribbons are explored, experimented and eventually evolved into a free-form resemblance of an ECG tracing - the technical indication that life exists as the electronic flutter synchronizes with each beating of the heart.

"Vita", which means "Life" in Italian, is hence dedicated to the triumph of the human spirit. Let life take its spirited flight.