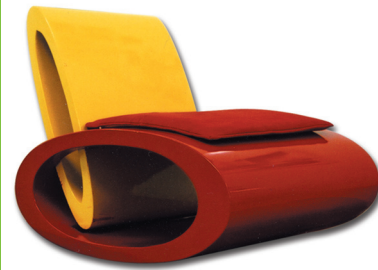


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THE 8 CHAIR DESIGN

“FA” is a Chinese word which means wealth. The number “8” has always been strongly related to “FA”, as when we read the word “FA”, it sounds the same as the number “8” in Chinese. As such, Chinese, always prefer their belongings to have a closer relationship with the number “8”, incorporating it into their car plate numbers, home addresses and even handphone numbers. They strongly believe that it will bring them wealth, with the possession of “8”.

Thus, the inspiration for **THE 8 CHAIR** is derived from the number “8”. The element of “8”, as we can see, is sectioned into two circles, so the lower section will be designed for sitting, and the upper section will be designed into a back rest.