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# Mobile Lounge



Architecture and Vision has been approached by the client to develop the MercuryHouseOne as a product launch platform. It is an eye-catching stand-alone pavilion, which promotes innovative technologies and materials.



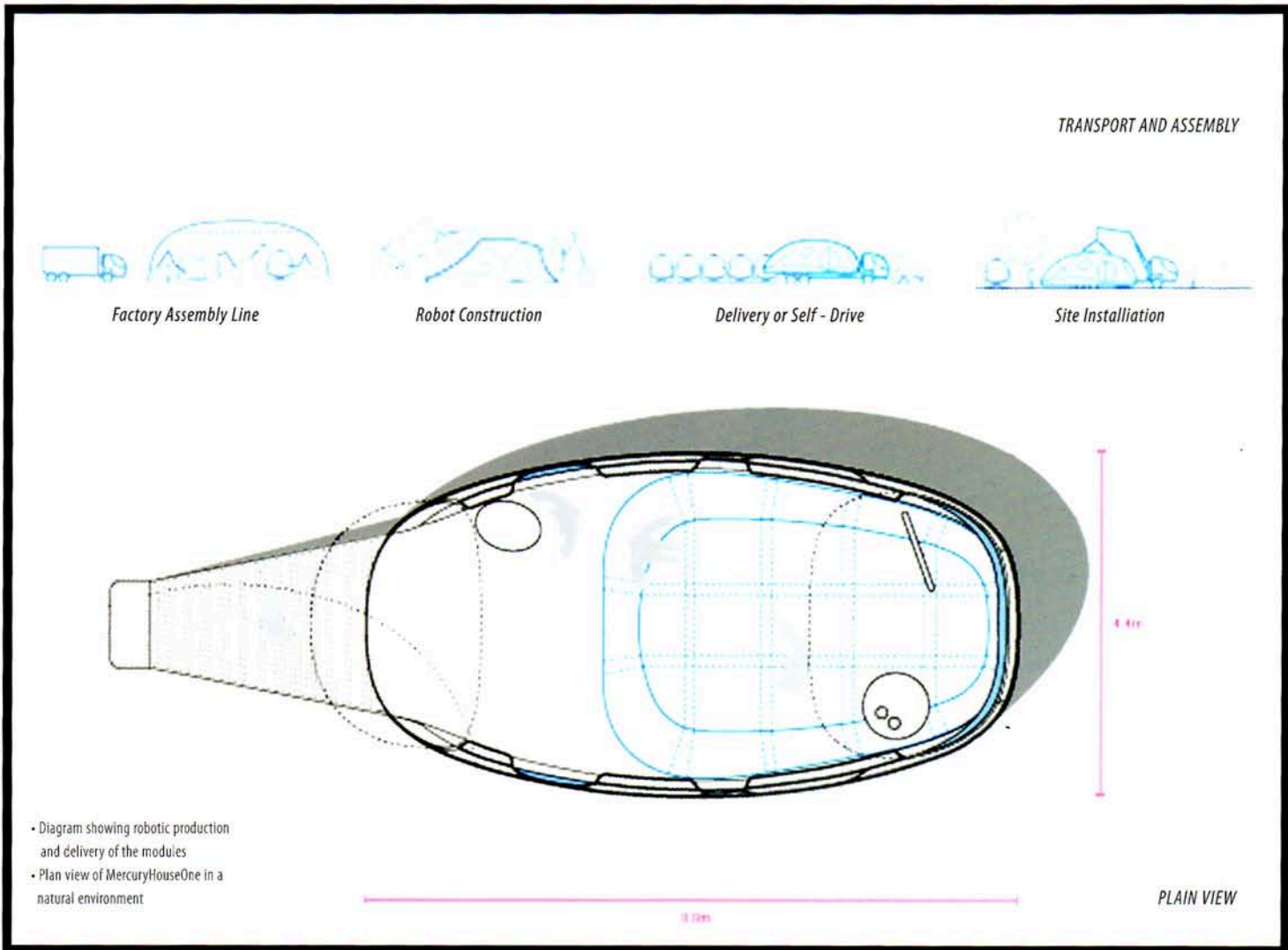


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There are mobile offices, mobile hedges, mobile homes and mobile phones, and just when you thought you couldn't get more mobile, now there are super sleek mobile lounges! "MercuryHouseOne" is a habitable unit designed as a mobile lounge, integrating functional and aesthetical considerations. While respecting ecological issues, it is designed to fit both in a natural or urban environment. It is presented on September 2, 2009, during the 53rd Art Exhibition, Biennale of Venice, on San Servolo Island. Merging the design of modern car with all the necessary living services, each volume - spare, but functional - can be situated like a comfortable living room into any natural urban landscape.

Drawing inspiration from nature, its shape recalls the beauty and perfection of a water drop. The advanced cabin is realised by the Italian company GVM of Gualtiero Vanelli in Carrara. The exterior shell, a double curve shape is made out of ultralight white Carrara marble. The marble is backlit at night, enhancing the form and creating special attention for evening events. The interior layout can be set up in a range of configurations to accommodate different uses and needs. The latest lighting, video, and sound technologies are used in the habitat in order to create a unique experience inside. The unit is powered by solar cells and is energetically autonomous.

What this design of the architect stands for is eco-sustainability and innovation, functionality and beauty; designing for the future requires the integration of technologies and available resources to ensure a harmonious balance between humans and the environment. Ongoing research and development activity, along with a multidisciplinary approach and close collaboration with customers, partners and expert teams of consultants ensures the innovative quality of Architecture and Vision's projects. ■

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