

Lap of luxury

Audience Systems has launched a high-end chair that will please stadium and arena owners alike. For stadia, Recital offers an attractive, comfortable option for suites and boxes, whereas for arenas the seat can be folded away on retractable platforms. The company's industry research revealed a need for a VIP chair that is more refined than some of the models typically found at sports venues – particularly where stadia are being designed to double as concert venues. Arena clients, meanwhile, asked for both retractable and fixed seats, allowing spectators throughout the venue to enjoy the same high levels of comfort. For the retractable areas this would be tricky – a fully-fledged auditorium chair would need to fold down into a seemingly impossible envelope. The solution is two-fold. Firstly, the fold-down mechanism allows the Recital chair to rotate into that impossible space. Secondly, its components are designed to nest together in an optimal space-saving manner – the end panels, for instance, are in two telescoping parts. As a result, the Recital chair fits a modest 280mm row rise retractable system.

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Clever system

The new retractable seating at the renovated BC Place stadium in Vancouver is totally automated, with multiple different set-ups, and consists of fully retractable units of up to 25 rows. The system can change from one set-up to another in a very short period of time, enabling the stadium to easily convert from CFL football to soccer and trade shows – creating a faster turnaround. Every SEDA system is completely customised to clients' needs in terms of the materials used, seat design and whether it is outdoor or indoor. Systems can also be straight and simple, or curved to the shape of the field. For maximum use of space at non-spectator events, SEDA has additionally designed a seating solution that both retracts and lowers, and can be moved to storage. Designed and created with the future spectator in mind, such a system was custom-designed for BC Place and allows stadium operations staff to move 30-tonne units using an air-cushion system.

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Pull up a chair

At the Cologne FSB 2011 fair last October, Leirisit (a company owned by CMS Plastics) introduced a new one-piece seat called Premium, which is ready to go on sale this year. The company also announced successful installations at two arenas in Germany. Leirisit's Compact model, a simple, tough and compact design, was fitted at the German Army Sporting School, while at the Luhmuhlen Equestrium – an important European stage for horse trials – the Elegance seat was installed. This ergonomically designed, quality seat that has a soft finish and is easy to install. Leirisit also produces a hard-wearing seat called Dynamic, which it recently installed at the Palais des Sports in France. These new folding seats offer a space advantage and an increased ergonomic design.

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