



Name calling in the garden...

Called many different names in the green industry – natural swimming pools, eco pools, organic pools, wetland pools, reed-bed pools, freshwater pools, swimming ponds etc. etc – it is essentially all the same concept and has got to be one of the most magical additions to your garden!

But let's not hassle about the correct name (and call it an eco pool for now) and rather look at what amazing benefits this natural concept could offer you in comparison to an existing swimming pool or unnatural water feature.

An eco pool is a natural volume of water which is slowly moved through a wetland of natural filters such as roots and substrate which inoculates the water with

micro-organisms, breaking down waste and stripping the water of impurities, leaving nothing but pure fresh water.

Combining the disciplines of permaculture and hydroponics, eco pools mimic natural ecosystems producing another stepping stone in your garden for wildlife, where the native flora and fauna find a way to flourish with unlimited biodiversity right on your doorstep.

People who have embraced the idea of an eco pool, speak with endless fascination of the many incredible forms of wildlife that thrive in and around this environment. From the hovering dragon flies to the croaking frogs, the ducking swallows to the kingfisher stalking water beetles. It's an endless season of birds,





butterflies, etc as well as some incredible life-cycles below the water surface – mostly invisible to the naked eye but essentially supporting a full circle of food supply.

With no harmful chemicals, shock treatments or toxic additives – it means no burny eyes, itchy skin or dry hair, and you can drink as you swim in it. One can only imagine the experience of being nurtured, swimming in a natural pond of fresh water – being in touch with nature – that's as good as it's going to get.

Once established, eco pools should be self-regulating, operating as a completely balanced aquatic ecosystem making it a low maintenance natural habitat, where the forces of nature are harnessed rather than fought against. Where an eco pool is well done, the water is normally of such quality, it could actually be piped into the kitchen. It may not be a bad idea, considering that the eco pool concept not only saves loads of water but could have a positive (lower) effect on your electricity bill

when all the benefits are utilized in the design of your eco pool system.

Although every eco pool is as different and unique as the environment it inhabits, it can be tailored around any requested specifications where possible. A landscaping feature that invites nature into your backyard, making our world a consciously better place.

And you can call it – whatever you want. 

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A new collaboration that celebrates creativity, the culture of design, and the unmistakable elegance of Italian style. Grand Life is the new 'story' designed by Ethimo, a lounge collection conceived by Christophe Pillet to enhance the most elegant of outdoor spaces. A line of furniture whose name encapsulates its significance.

Grand Life conjures up images of timeless beautiful places, of captivating and relaxing atmospheres, landscapes that inspire sensations of peace and serenity, and outdoor spaces decorated with simple, warm, and elegant furniture, an authentic expression of the Italian Way of Life.

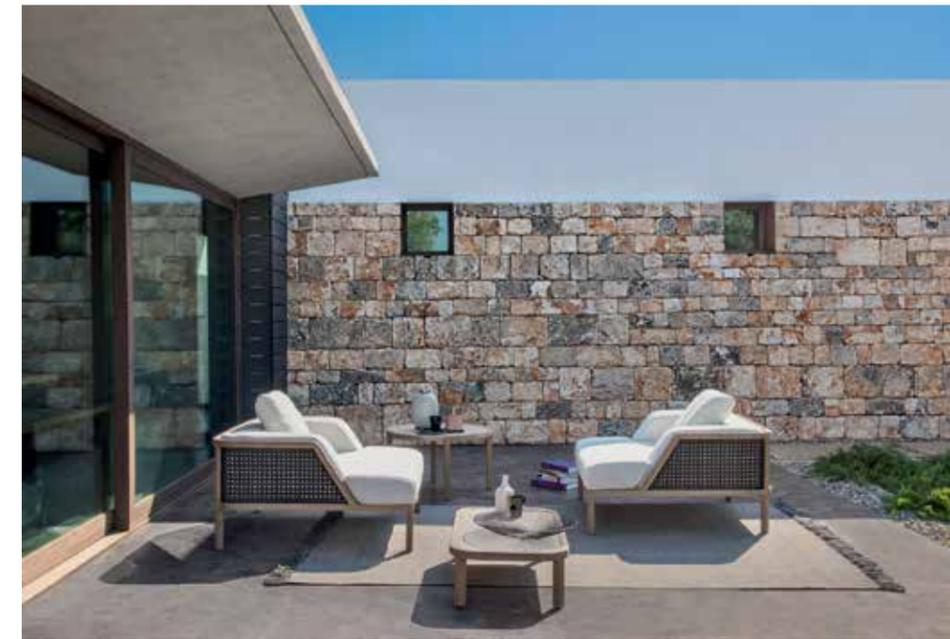
Mediterranean style, contemporary design, and nobility of materials: the Grand Life collection bears the unmistakable mark of Ethimo products. Grand Life epitomizes the standards of manufacturing excellence, incorporating artisan quality and innovation with comfort and design. The Grand Life collection offers sofas and over-sized lounge chairs of decisive, pure, and essential architecture and with meticulous and delicate details; furniture that reveals a sartorial spirit and that represents a new philosophy for al fresco living.

The warmth and elegance of teak and lightweight fibre combine to create extraordinarily ergonomic and



## Grand Life

Ethimo and Christophe Pillet



comfortable furniture, the expression of a more relaxed lifestyle and a more sophisticated daily routine. The body of the furniture is constructed in teak with a metal core, while the backrests of the various types of seating are formed through the skilful and elegant weaving of acrylic rope. Fluffy, generously-sized pillows, made from soft fabrics specifically designed for outdoor use, accentuate the sense of comfort and well-being.

A line of furniture for a 'Grand Life' in the open air, capable of conveying the tactile and visual sensations that characterise the most elegant indoor situations. Ethimo and Christophe Pillet re-interpret contemporary outdoor spaces with a collection that pays homage to Mediterranean style and Italian design, in its most current and, at the same time, most captivating form.

Grand Life furniture determines the aesthetic value of the space it occupies, rendering it even more relaxing and inviting: thus free time, instants of leisure and conviviality, become truly special moments. 

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