The benefits of the agile workspace are well-documented. Herman Miller’s research paper, How to Catalyze Your Workplace, indicates that 75% of people working at businesses that make design changes to be more agile experience increased productivity, and 88% of people believe that the workplace supports their daily tasks, versus 47% of workers before their organisation became agile.
Design Story

Catena, which means ‘chain’ or ‘connected series’ in Italian, was inspired by the need for a connective system that supports the agile workplace of the future. This lightweight, versatile skeleton system delineates different zones for different activities. With its connective ability, Catena acts as a constant foundation, ready to be reconfigured after a week, a month, a year… or a decade.
How we work is changing. We are moving away from task-based operations towards workplaces that are activity driven, dynamic, and poised to adapt to ever-changing work, worker numbers, tech and organisations. With so much in flux, it’s impossible to predict how workspaces will operate in five or ten years’ time. Many organisations therefore face the same challenge: how can we design workplaces that last the distance?
Workplace Freedom

Many of us are looking for freedom – freedom to work how and when we want to.

As a mobile system that isn’t fixed to the floor, it delivers freedom to create distinctive spaces that suit the tasks at hand, without disrupting fire safety regulations, ceiling plans or lighting distribution.
Infinite Possibilities

More than a divider, Catena’s skinny spine also paves the way for even more flexibility: unlike traditional skeleton systems, it’s not simply linear. It can be configured in myriad ways, and applied across the office for myriad tasks and to suit the full spectrum of user behaviour.
Beyond Diversity

User behaviour is what shapes working modes and the way we use spaces, and Catena has been designed to respond to this. Armed with fittings that allow it to turn 90 or 120 degrees, Catena is unique in that it can shift from rectangular and grid formations to triangular and honeycomb settings – and with ease.
Optimise Your Space

Urbanisation is gaining pace globally, office rents are set to rise by 3% in 2019. The follow-on effect is that businesses will have to fit the same activities in a smaller footprint. It’s Catena’s mission to solve this problem. At just 60mm — versus the usual 100mm — it’s ultra-thin, keeping its footprint to a minimum, so organisations can put their spaces to work as effectively as possible.

1 According to Jones Lang LaSalle's Global Market Perspective, August 2019
Digitising The Office

Catena came to life in response to a real-life problem. A global tech company came to Herman Miller with a challenge: create a product that’s primed for future wire management needs as the company grows and changes, and that looks the part, too.

While we met the client’s needs, we knew we could improve upon our initial solution. And so, after a year of research and refinement, Catena was born, it has a wire management system that has exceptional capacity, allowing for multiple distribution channels, both horizontally and vertically, with access points anywhere and everywhere they’re needed. Plus it’s all concealed behind clean cladding, keeping usable workspace free of clutter and pesky wires.

This clever backbone also acts as a freestanding power station. Place sockets wherever necessary, then plug in and power up.
Designed for the Environment

For the latest information on Catena Office Landscape’s sustainable elements, visit hermanmiller.com/en_apc/catena_office_landscape.