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PRESS RELEASE SENSU

A floating shade that opens horizontally and has a variety of positions? We would dare to say that Sensu overshadows all other shade-makers.

This tilting shade combines the serenity of flat design with the functionality of a hand fan system. The minimal shape has a calming effect and thanks to its unique design, Sensu follows the sun throughout the day without intruding your outdoor space.

More than a hand fan

For Sensu, designer Dirk Wynants drew inspiration from a hand fan, an object that has existed for centuries. So why not use this technique on a larger scale? Sensu is a statement of both elegance and simplicity, it opens and closes horizontally, and brings 'easy to use' to the next level.

Being a freestanding shade, Sensu does not take up any space on your precious table. By tilting or rotating this umbrella, you optimally cast the shade. Combine one, two, or even four shades on one pole for a maximum shadow surface.

Imagine a warm summer day in the south of France, you have the whole day ahead of you to unwind with friends. Under the canopy of the Sensu umbrella, a broad shade appears, it is the perfect spot to cool down and to throw some pétanque boules. Thanks to the tilting and rotating feature, you can follow the sun and play all day long... la vie est belle.

Reinventing the parasol

Innovation is at the heart of each new Extremis design, that's not different for Sensu. Whereas most umbrellas have all the technical parts dangling above your head, this shade is a flat without any visible ribs or ropes, this way it doesn't grab the attention and even has a calming effect. But – of course – there's more to it than looks alone.

Unlike traditional center-pole umbrellas, Sensu doesn't take up any space on and under your table. The flat design also offers great wind resistance (up to 5 Beaufort) and opens horizontally - quick and simple.

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*“The perfect tool for
enjoying a cool moment
on a sunny day.”*



Endless variations

Make your own sunshine with this freestanding shade. The modular central pole can hold one, two, or even four shades for an optimal shade surface. Each shade can be tilted towards the sun while the single shade can also rotate 360 degrees.



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“A shade should bring comfort and shade in a non-intrusive way.”

— Dirk Wynants





SENSU IN A NUTSHELL

- **Sensu comes in four possible designs:**
 - o Sensu single square: a single canopy that can tilt and rotate 360°.
 - o Sensu duo diamond: two floating canopies positioned in an angle on the pole.
 - o Sensu duo square: the central pole has a tilting canopy on each side.
 - o Sensu quattro diamond: four free hanging canopies on a single pole.
- **Sensu is angle adjustable to tilt the canopies towards the sun.**
- **The shade opens horizontally and doesn't take up any space on the table.**
- **Sensu single square has a rotation system to spin the parasol on the wheelbase.**
- **An optional in-ground anchor eliminates tripping hazard.**
- **Sensu has a good wind resistance that has been checked via wind tunnel testing. The parasol can withstand wind speeds up to 6 on the Beaufort scale, but we advise to close it sooner (from wind speed 5 is the rule of thumb).**
- **The design of Sensu is based on the Kosmos shade, a Dirk Wynants design from 2008.**
- **Colors and materials:**
 - o The canopy is made of an acrylic fabric that is UV-resistant, colorfast and water repellent to guarantee a long lifespan. It is available in Black, Taupe or White.
 - o The pole is made of powder coated aluminium and is available in Black, Earth or Papyrus white.
 - o The base is made of powder coated stainless steel, available in the same colors as the pole.



About Extremis

Extremis was founded in 1994 by Dirk Wynants.

The Extremis furniture design collection represents products that are both necessary and useful. They are 'Tools for Togetherness' that stress the importance of and enhance human interactions, intelligent problem-solving and sustainability, to improve people's lives. Extremis has its headquarters in Poperinge, Belgium. The design furniture is very popular in all corners of the world.

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