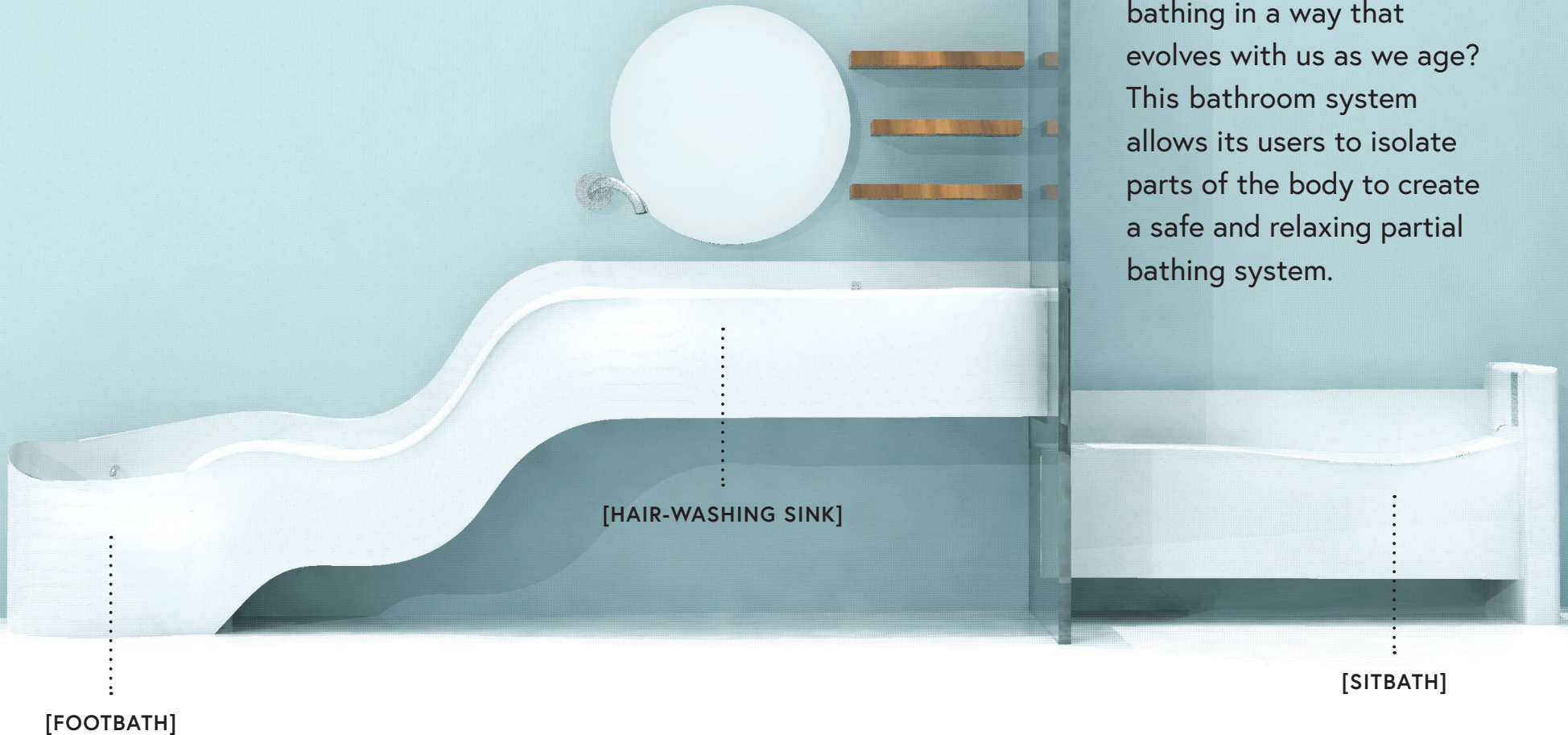


Reimagine *Bathing*

What if we approach bathing in a way that evolves with us as we age? This bathroom system allows its users to isolate parts of the body to create a safe and relaxing partial bathing system.



This partial bathing system offers its user the opportunity to wash isolated parts of the body within an integrated, spa-like system. Originally designed for aging populations, this system reimagines the way one bathes to allow for a safe, manageable and rejuvenating process.

The system focuses on three bathing zones. The **SINK** allows for easy face- and hair-washing with a large basin. It incorporates a flexible faucet which allows for easier, more convenient hair washing. The user can wash her hair by standing and angling her head over the sink basin and under the faucet. Alternately, if the user has assistance, she can sit in the loungeseat and dip her head into the basin to have hair washed by another person. In either format, this design proposes a comfortable, accessible way of washing one's hair. The **SITBATH** zone works as a bench with a bidet-like function. With a shallow bath in the seat of the bench and a hand-held shower nozzle, the user can wash her bottom and lower body while sitting. This zone could also successfully integrate a



rain shower above to allow its user to take a full shower in either a seated or standing position. The **FOOTBATH** zone allows the user to sit in a reclined position by dipping her feet in a small bath. The small bath fills with water through its own spout and offers its user a warm, relaxing spa-like experience for washing and resting.

We have largely ignored effective bathroom design for aging populations. According to the US National Institute of Health,

the population of people age 65 and older is rising worldwide. By 2050, 17% of the world's population will be over age 65 compared to 8.5% today. And bathrooms will need to better satisfy the needs and abilities of this population. This partial bathing system works beyond aging populations, however, proposing instead a process of bathing that can suit people of all ages while simultaneously consuming less water than taking a daily full bath or shower.

