**Häfele joins in – The tiny house on tour**

**Micro Living mobile – from Berlin to Rome**

Micro Living or “More life per square metre”: Häfele, the international specialist for hardware fittings and electronic access control systems has made a name for itself, even beyond its industry. Now Häfele is joining in as the aVOID Tiny House, a mobile miniature house, is about to tour Europe.

The Functionality Cube, the award-winning Youth Lab, scalable micro apartments, and innovative storage concepts by Häfele have been attracting the attention of experts and the media for years. It is therefore not surprising that, on 22nd March in Berlin, Häfele will be a sponsor with its clever hardware technology during the tour of the first mobile miniature house, built in Italy. The 9-square-metre tiny house will embark on a 60-day journey through Germany, Switzerland, and Italy, with stops in seven cities.

Häfele or, to be more precise, the Häfele subsidiary in Italy has supplied the Free flap fittings and the Loox lighting system for the Tiny House, designed by 27-year-old Italian architect, Leonardo Di Chiara. It all fits very well with the successful implementation of the comfortable small housing unit and with the new attitude towards life of the growing number of urban nomads, who should feel comfortable in such houses in the future.

The Tiny House is mounted on a trailer and equipped with every imaginable comfort on nine square metres. All furniture is modelled after the tools of a Swiss pocket knife and folds away into the walls. If necessary, they simply appear as if by magic, depending on what is needed at the time. aVoid represents a true lifestyle that is committed to sustainability through its commitment to minimalist principles of “less is more”. With its two bare side walls, the Tiny House is designed in the style of a townhouse. Thus, several units can come together perfectly in a small space and keep reorganizing themselves. aVOID is the result of a research project led by Leonardo Di Chiara in collaboration with Tinyhouse University. It is now supported by numerous internationally known technology partners.

Anyone whose curiosity has now been piqued is welcome to stop by and get to know the tiny house with potential for the future. There will be an opportunity to visit, for example from 22nd March to 3rd April at the AEDES Architecture Forum in Berlin, or at the other stations of the tour in Ulm and Munich, in Mendrisio in Switzerland, or in Milan, Bologna, and Rome. The event schedule and further information about the Tiny House Tour can be found at www.leonardodichiara.it.

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On a trailer from Berlin to Rome. The aVOID Tiny House, an innovative micro townhouse with Häfele inside, is met with great interest wherever it is appears.

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Wet room (left) and living room (right) in travel mode. All furniture and furnishings disappear in the side walls and can be folded out as needed. The 9-square-metre room can thus be transformed into a kitchen, a dining room, or a bedroom.

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