

BENCHMARK

BENCHMARK DEBUT NEW DESIGNS AT CLERKENWELL DESIGN WEEK, 21 – 23 MAY 2019

Leading British furniture maker, Benchmark will present new pieces by Foster + Partners and Space Copenhagen as part of the British Collection, located in the barrel roofed Crypt on Clerkenwell Green of St James's Church during Clerkenwell Design Week, 21-23 May 2019.

OVO COLLECTION BY FOSTER & PARTNERS



The OVO Collection by Foster & Partners is a celebration of traditional craftsmanship and the subtle aesthetic of the range which includes tables, storage, benches and stools, make it suitable for both the workspace and the home. At CDW Benchmark will introduce new upholstered pieces to the collection. The signature of the design is soft geometry and careful detailing which, when combined with leather elements, creates an understated elegance and enhanced tactility. A new ebonised finish presents a graceful contrast and simplicity to the existing Oak and American Walnut options.

The OVO stools and bar chair are offered in three heights making them suitable for sitting at a dining table, kitchen counter or bar. The OVO upholstered bench is available in a standard width for dining or as a hallway bench, together with a wider version suitable for reception areas in offices or hotels. The attention to detail even extends to the twin stitching running through the seat pad.



Each piece is also available in natural oak or walnut paired with cognac or dark brown leather that will age beautifully.



MUSE SOFA BY SPACE COPENHAGEN



Also, for CDW the Muse Sofa by Space Copenhagen will be presented in a new smaller version, which combines the designers' sophisticated aesthetic with Benchmark's deep-rooted values in craftsmanship. Inspired by Donald Judd's radical and minimalist universe, the Muse Sofa features natural timber combined with 100% natural, non-toxic, sustainable upholstery, which has been developed in collaboration with the naturalmat company.

Space Copenhagen has played with proportions and softer details to meet new demands in both domestic and hospitality environments. The design can be adapted into L shapes, U shapes and bespoke sizes to suit every space. The flexibility of this design lends itself to accommodate residential and commercial spaces such as office reception areas and hotel lobbies.

Working closely with Benchmark, Space Copenhagen has created a simple design, highlighting the beauty of the materials and the characteristic grain of the oak.

The Muse Sofa is available in both oak and ash, with a choice of subtle toned finishes with textile or leather upholstery.

Both the OVO Collection and the Muse Sofa are made in the Benchmark workshop in rural West Berkshire, England.

NOTES TO EDITORS

Exhibition Details

The British Collection, Stand B1, Crypt on the Green, Clerkenwell Close, EC1R 0EA, 21-23 May.

About Benchmark

Founded by Terence Conran and Sean Sutcliffe over thirty years ago, Benchmark are widely regarded as a powerhouse of craft. With a sustainable approach at the heart of everything we do, we design and make furniture using traditional craft techniques alongside innovative technology. We see our particular strength as making spaces more human, welcoming and personal, blurring the lines between home and commercial space and instilling natural warmth and soul. All of our furniture is made in our own workshops in West Berkshire, England which means that we are able to tailor to suit individual spaces

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About Foster + Partners

Foster + Partners is a global studio for architecture, urbanism and design, rooted in sustainability, which was founded fifty years ago in 1967 by Norman Foster. Since then, he and the team around him have established an international practice with a worldwide reputation for thoughtful and pioneering design, working as a single studio that is both ethnically and culturally diverse. The studio integrates the skills of architecture with several other disciplines in a collegiate working environment that is similar to a compact university. These diverse skills make them capable of tackling a wide range of projects, particularly those of considerable complexity and scale.

www.fosterandpartners.com

About Space Copenhagen

Established in 2005 by Signe Bindslev Henriksen and Peter Bundgaard Rützou, Space Copenhagen is a design studio works across multiple disciplines from furniture, lighting and refined objects, to art installations, art direction and interior design for private homes, hotels and restaurants all over the world.



We call our approach Poetic Modernism. The ambition is to forge new paths by balancing opposites — classic and modern, industrial and organic, sculptural and minimal, light and shade. Duality and contrast. Curiosity as a fundamental human condition. The studio's intuitive approach embodies designs that are distinctively shaped by the given circumstances, functional needs, and a fundamental interest in human behavior. It is a sense of and belief in slow aesthetic that centers quality and longevity.

Space Copenhagen has created lauded furniture pieces for some of the world's leading manufacturers such as GUBI, Stellar Works, Fredericia Furniture, &Tradition, Mater and Benchmark. In addition, Space Copenhagen continuously substantiates their roster of high-end interiors at an international level, following, among others, their award-winning design for 11 Howard hotel in New York and acclaimed destination restaurants Geranium and the first Noma in Copenhagen.

<http://www.spacecph.dk>

About naturalmat

Since 2001 naturalmat have been handmaking the very best natural fibre and organic mattresses and beds in the heart of scenic Devon. All of the materials they use are 100% natural and from sustainable, Fair Trade sources. Where possible, they buy local, particularly their wool, which come from the sheep grazing in the fields just yards from their factory. They are proud to create for leading hotels, resorts, superyachts and residences in the UK and around the world, whose guests all take delight in waking up from a natural night's sleep.

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