

Press release

Orgatec 2016:

Wilkhahn leads the way – with five new products and clever solutions for office 4.0

Bad Münster, October 2016. Wilkhahn's showcase at premier trade show Orgatec in Cologne features a whole range of new products. The globally renowned office furniture manufacturer is tackling three core design issues: how can staff in the era of office 4.0 consistently maintain good health? How can design foster loyalty, motivation and pride? And what's the best way to promote interaction between office workers? The company's response is revealed through five new products that encourage physical activity and relaxation, concentration and teamwork, individuality and a sense of community. Which includes ensuring teams scattered over different locations connect with one another. Wilkhahn has also partnered with Sennheiser Business Communication to present state-of-the-art mobile, wireless audio conference technology.

Occo's a new chair and table range for meeting spaces and canteens. It offers superior comfort, huge versatility and a wealth of design options. Created by jehs+laub, it mirrors the design language of the classic Graph conference range, translating it into a sleek multipurpose range for all sorts of scenarios that include meetings, seminars, parties and dining. The remarkably characteristic shape of the seat shell produces the extreme flexibility of the back and the letters the chair owes its name to (an O from the front and a C from the sides). The shell colours, types of frames and upholstery options generate an incredible 72 basic variants, from stackable multipurpose chairs to task chairs to the four-leg upholstered version with a solid wood frame. Combined with the equally versatile table range, these features generate all sorts of interiors that prompt people to engage with one another and generate very different atmospheres.

The new Metrik chair is equally distinctive. Designed by whiteID it transforms the characteristics of a cantilever chair into a contemporary design language. Polygonal shapes and rounded edges are part of a characteristic high quality body with integrated upholstery on the seat which also covers the armrests. The design is defined by form-fit assembly of the tubular steel frame to which the seat component is attached. The seat and the tubular frame are the same colour to underscore the integrated design, lending the chair a seamless look. Six body and frame colours, as well as various different covers, make the sprung multipurpose chair with its chrome-plated frame immensely scalable.

Designer Andreas Störiko has developed a multipurpose folding table for Wilkhahn called mAx. Its aesthetic appeal and people-friendly handling concept make it a piece of furniture that's setting new benchmarks. The table boasts first class design, requires just one hand to set it up, stabilises itself and has integrated linkage options. Three table feet sizes allow diverse table depths, widths and shapes for standalone types, system tables and connecting leaves. And they come with table top, surface and edge versions that tap into a broad range of usages and allow plenty of design opportunities. Tables can be placed in loosely arranged groups, or linked up to make rows, or arranged to form open-centred or closed conference configurations. mAx offers the perfect (and what's more reversible) solutions for flexible meeting areas, versatile conference and seminar environments, rooms for project or group work, co-working spaces or multipurpose restaurants and canteens.

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To match its new products for flexible meetings, conferences and team work, Wilkhahn's also presenting Sennheiser's TeamConnect Wireless, a powerful system for mobile audio conferences for up to 24 people that can be used virtually anywhere. TeamConnect Wireless offers unparalleled ease of use, state-of-the-art connectivity and fast set-up times. It also comes with Sennheiser's trademark sound quality that's enhanced for providers of professional IP telephony. The attractive, wireless and portable design makes it just as versatile as the Wilkhahn tables that consequently require neither cable outlets nor portals, making them fit for any purpose.

IN (design: wiege) takes centre stage among the task chairs. A year after the launch, it's now making an appearance at Orgatec. Its patented Trimension® synchro-adjustment technology adds up to remarkably dynamic, three-dimensional seated comfort. Features such as direct control, a high-tech seat and a form-fit knit back combine to encourage natural movements in all directions. IN is also impressive for its athletic aesthetic which makes it stand out from the mass of office chairs in the medium-price range. This aspect is also underscored by the models with white through-dyed seat shells and backrest frames which are being shown for the first time at Orgatec. Combined with the vast collection of covers and coloured frames, the wide range of design options already available is enhanced by a particularly dynamic looking version.

And Wilkhahn's taking a bold look into the future by presenting the world's first ready-made piece of furniture which (apart from the seat and base) is 3D-printed. Designer Thorsten Franck has helped to develop a stool collection whose shapes are ideal for this method of production with its sparing use of materials. PrintStool One's sophisticated, three-dimensional structures are characterised by their efficient use of materials. The stool is very strong due to the clever way the seat and base are connected and can take people weighing up to 100 kg. The renewable and fully biodegradable, lignin-based printing material also has huge potential in the future. The Orgatec showcase will feature prototypes of the current stage of development to try out in diverse colours and shapes. This blend of the artistic and commercial will be issued as a limited special edition.

Anyone interested is welcome to come and meet all the designers of the five new products on the stand on 25 October 2016 from 2 p.m. onwards.

Wilkhahn at Orgatec 2016: in hall 6.1, stand B88/C89

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One step ahead with Wilkhahn: the well-known office furniture manufacturer will present five new products that encourage physical activity and relaxation, concentration and teamwork, individuality and a sense of community at Orgatec. Photo: Wilkhahn

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