

BENCHMARK

Benchmark Launch OVO, a new collection in collaboration with Fosters + Partners, at Clerkenwell Design Week.

Launching at Clerkenwell Design Week (22-24 May 2018) as part of the 'British Collection', Benchmark are introducing a new collection designed in collaboration with Foster + Partners. Celebrating the age-old tradition of craftsmanship in everyday objects, OVO combines durability and careful detailing with a strong materiality to create a range of furniture that is exceptionally tactile. Appropriate for both domestic and commercial spaces, the collection comprises of two variants of dining table, accompanying benches, sideboard, shelving unit, high table, stool and occasional tables.



Clockwise from top left: New OVO Dining Table, Shelving, Sideboard and Bench to be launched at Clerkenwell Design Week 2018.

Building on an earlier partnership with Foster + Partners to produce bespoke furniture for the Maggie's cancer centre in Manchester, OVO carries forward the sense of home it brought to the project. With soft geometry and a crafted aesthetic, these are tactile pieces with warmth and generosity. Their boldness and simplicity demands perfection of execution of the craft.

Also launching at Clerkenwell is an expansion of the Gleda Collection designed by Space Copenhagen. Fusing Space Copenhagen's refined aesthetic with Benchmark's meticulous craftsmanship and sensibilities, the new additions include the Gleda lounge tables and the Gleda dining chair.



(l) New Gleda dining chair and (r) new Gleda lounge tables both designed by Space Copenhagen for Benchmark to be launched at Clerkenwell Design Week 2018.

Alongside the OVO and Gleda collections, we will be showing pieces from our Victoria Workspace Collection. A flexible collection of pieces made from solid timber with solid brass detailing, the range of workbenches, executive desks and conference tables features beautiful grain and natural character which bring warmth, tactility and a sense of nature to the workplace.



Sean Sutcliffe, co-founder and MD of Benchmark comments: “Our new collections showcase our signature of combining traditional craft techniques and natural solid timber with innovative technology and modern design with the aim of delivering furniture that has soul and integrity. Whilst distinct from each other, the OVO, Gleda & Victoria ranges all share a wonderful tactility making them a pleasure to use and connecting the user more closely with both the piece and the maker.”

The OVO, Gleda and Victoria pieces are all made in our own workshops in rural West Berkshire.

Product Information

OVO Collection - All available in oak and walnut:

- OVO dining table in two sizes
- OVO round table
- OVO bench in two sizes
- OVO sideboard
- OVO credenza
- OVO shelving
- OVO side tables
- OVO coffee table
- OVO high table
- OVO high Stool

Gleda Collection - All available in natural whitened, aged or ebonised oak:

- Gleda dining chair
- Gleda lounge chair, high back/medium back/low back (with or without wood or brass arms)
- Gleda coffee table
- Gleda side table

Victoria Collection: All available in oak, ash, walnut & elm

- Victoria workbench
- Victoria rise & fall desk
- Victoria Executive desk
- Victoria conference tables

Launch Details

Clerkenwell Design Week

The British Collection

Crypt on the Green, Clerkenwell Close, EC1R

22-24 May 2018

10am – 9pm

Press Preview

23 May 2018

9am – 11am

[Ends]

NOTES TO EDITORS

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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. Using the best quality natural materials, we aim to create environments that connect with our senses and touch on an emotional level.

Nestled in the countryside of Kintbury, just an hour out of London, our studio, showroom and workshop house a team of in-house designers and skilled craftsmen who collaborate with external designers for our furniture collection as well as designing and making bespoke furniture for workspaces, hotels, restaurants, retail, public buildings and private residences.

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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.

The practice has never drawn a distinction between architecture and industrial design. The point of contact, the thing that you touch, is as important as the broader vision. The industrial design team established in 1980, has developed a wide range of products from door handles to wind turbines; from a fountain pen to the cabin of an executive jet; from a tap to the fit-out of an ocean yacht. Frequently, products are designed in response to a particular project, but they also work directly with clients on product commissions or with companies to develop new products for commercial manufacture.

www.fosterandpartners.com

About Space Copenhagen

Space Copenhagen is an architecture and design studio founded by Signe Bindslev Henriksen and Peter Bundgaard Rützou in 2005, famed for creating interiors for high-end hotels, such as 11 Howard in New York and five-star d'Angleterre in Copenhagen, as well as Michelin star Restaurant NOMA and a long list of impressive clients with projects involving furniture, design objects and interiors reflecting their love of natural materials and elegant angle on atmosphere.

www.spacecph.dk

About the British Collection at Clerkenwell Design Week

2018 marks the third year of 'British Collection', which showcases some of the UK's most exciting home-grown talent and their latest furniture, lighting and product design.

www.clerkenwelldesignweek.com/british-collection

