



"Akio" range of tables – authentic and sociable

Key information:

At the IMM, the International Interiors Show in Cologne, between 15 and 21 January 2018, Swiss furniture manufacturer Girsberger will be exhibiting a number of new products and additions to its ranges in Hall 11.1, stand F21/E20.

One of the dominant themes this year is the "Akio" table range designed by Mathias Seiler, which is manufactured in solid oak and walnut. Circular, rounded-corner and oval tabletops and versions in standing and sitting height make "Akio" a very sociable piece of furniture, with an unpretentious and authentic look that suits many different uses.

Bützberg, 15.01.2018 – The new "Akio" range from Girsberger is a collection of multifunctional solid wood tables designed by Mathias Seiler and suitable for almost any use. All items in the range are available in oak or walnut and have been developed in response to the strong desire these days for more homely furniture made from authentic materials. Even the shapes of the "Akio" tabletops– whether round, oval or with rounded corners– create a contemporary feel and are conducive to sociable, relaxed dining. "Akio" tables are available in both sitting and standing heights so they are equally suited for use at home, in catering spaces or in the workplace.

"A striking design feature of all the "Akio" tables is the chromium-plated steel cross bars which give the angled legs more stability and thus enable larger table top formats," comments Mathias Seiler, Head of Design and Marketing at Girsberger, on his design concept.

Another notable trait of this family of tables is its minimalistic form, made possible by its ingeniously pared back construction. Because of this, "Akio" can be easily combined with other furniture.

All the table top formats – round, oval or rectangular with rounded edges – are available in various sizes. The table legs are always lathe turned from the same type of wood as the 28 mm thick solid wood table tops, which are rounded off on the underside, giving the tables a light and elegant appearance. Bistro and round tables with a diameter of 80 or 100 cm are also available with a white laminated top.

As well as being aesthetically appealing, the "Akio" table range also boasts impressive sustainability credentials. The wood is from managed European forests and is bought and stored in Girsberger's own wood trading business according to the highest quality standards. There is no impact whatsoever on the environment during the production of this range and it is 100% recyclable.

About the designer:

Mathias Seiler, born in 1963, studied industrial design at Hamburg University of Fine Arts, under the tutelage of Prof. Dieter Rams. He worked as a product designer for various renowned furniture makers and has received numerous awards. Since 2010, Mathias Seiler has been Head of Design and Marketing at Girsberger.

About Girsberger:

The Swiss company group was established in 1889 as a woodworking shop and soon made its name as a manufacturer of seating furniture. Today, it focuses on providing high-quality and innovative furniture solutions for offices, public spaces and homes and has particular expertise in processing solid wood. Its own production sites combine a variety of different manufacturing disciplines, thus providing a high degree of production versatility and allowing the strategic move into Customized Furniture and Remanufacturing. From Koblenz, close to the border with Germany, the wood trade unit supplies furniture manufacturers and carpentry businesses with top-quality solid wood.

Today, the international company group is managed by Michael Girsberger, who is the great-grandson of the company's founder.

Outside Switzerland Girsberger has sales companies in Germany, France, the Benelux countries, Austria and Turkey; the company's headquarters are in Bützberg, near Berne. Production locations are situated in Bützberg (Switzerland), Endingen (Germany), Kraljevci (Serbia) and Silivri (Turkey).

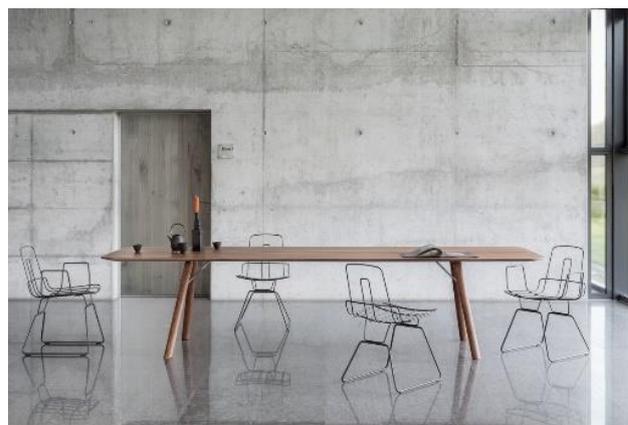
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"Akio" is available with different tabletop formats, in oak or walnut and in two heights.
Right: as a high desk with foot rest



"Akio" in oak and as a round and rectangular table – in each case with the "Nava" moulded shell chair.



"Akio" as a bistro table in oak combined with the "Nava" bar stool (left) and in American walnut with the "Alambre" wire chair (right)

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