





Forests remind us of the beauty of the natural world as well as the responsibility we assume when transforming precious natural materials into beautiful furniture for everyday life



In producing this publication 'Design with attitude' we provide an insight into how we at K5 Furniture think, feel and work.

Ve introduce here a limited election of exquisite products hat we import, manufacture, ove and stand by.

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## Humanistic thinking

K5 Furniture is a family owned, hands-on furniture business with a passion for excellence for all things to do with furniture design and production.

Incorporated in Melbourne in 2001, we provide furniture, systems furniture and space solutions to a range of clients including interior designers, architects and medium and large corporations across Australia and New Zealand. We manufacture, under licence, exclusive lines of Australian and Scandinavian furniture. Our resolve is to make lasting contributions to design culture by sourcing highest quality Australian and internationally designed furniture made from natural materials, like wood sourced from environmentally grown and selectively harvested new growth forests and quality natural fibres.

What drives us is a desire to make work, public and living spaces better for individuals and the planet; never forgetting our core values of directness in dealings, environmental responsibility and a determination to bring projects to fruition in an efficient and timely manner. We call it humanistic thinking.

## We think differently:

Our design sensibility is for calm functional environments of spatial clarity, enriched by thoughtfully designed furniture that celebrates the human spirit.

own personality, satisfying individual human needs while enhancing the landscape of cohesive and inspired office, public and domestic environments. Our extensive and beautiful portfolios of contemporary furniture encapsulate the desire for natural warmth and wellbeing.

We also understand that ergonomics is more than about standing and sitting correctly. For us, ergonomics means feeling well, making life better. Our starting point with every project is each individual's capacity for being and staying healthy.

It is the reason why we do more than just make and sell furniture. We work hard to create spatial experiences that generate good health and productivity. More than supplying furniture and workplace solutions, we like to think we imbue spaces with wellbeing.

We want our furniture and workplace systems to adapt, shape and encourage the dynamic processes that take place in the modern world.

Sustainability, bio-diversity, ecologically sound, natural oils and waxes are words and phrases that are like music to our ears. We like wood, too.

Sustainably grown and tended. Carefully selected to produce distinctive furniture—seating, desks, sideboards, storage units, acoustic clusters and more—that ages and grows more beautiful every year.

We insist on Forest Stewardship Councilcertified (FSC) timbers from sources we trust.
This provides a climate for biological diversity and a better environment. We work with factories and manufacturers in Australia and internationally, particularly in Europe, who believe in the freedom of experimenting with ideas.

We create tailored working environments that give you a better opportunity to do a good job while giving the community, the natural world and the environment opportunities to grow and flourish.

And we take care of the entire chain: from how we source materials, build relationships and design and manufacture products, to how we work together to find solutions to achieve best possible outcomes.

We understand that each customer has different requirements and needs and perspectives. So, we work closely with them and our designers and makers to produce solutions that are tailored to their specific needs.

Where others see a chair or desk, we see hundreds of ways to work towards a more sustainable future. We are continually working on improved ergonomics and inclusive design, and have stringent requirements in respect of materials choices and methods of construction

We avoid substances that are hazardous to both our health and the environment. We apply alternative solutions wherever possible. We collaborate with ergonomists to create furniture that adapts to people.

bustainably grown wood, natural nores, recycled metal and plastics, are the raw materials we like use most in our furnishings. They affect the three environmental areas we prioritize: climate, biological diversity and chemicals.

The wood we use is either FSC-certified or comes from carefully monitored sources. We use recycle materials in our frames and under frames wherever possible.

When applying surface treatments to metals we primarily use powder coating, because it has low environmental impact. Our covering fabrics are durable and natural and sustainable, like hemp recycled jute and wool. Our leathers are tanned using vegetable-based methods.

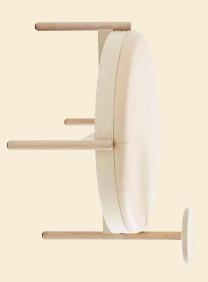
Our interest and focus rests with natural, beautifully detailed furniture with provenance, imbued with a sense of authenticity. Humanistic design that touches our senses; pleasant to look at, sensuous to touch, fresh and clean.

Furniture contributes significantly to the way we inhabit and experience spaces and places and what it means to be human.

At K5 Furniture, our purpose is to support commercial strategies, accommodate innovative work processes, and to adhere to our very particular set of values.

[t's our way of thinking differently.

# The way we think, feel and work:



At K5 we do more than just sell furniture; we care about people and the planet.

Collaboration with our work-place team.
Collaboration with our clients. Collaboration with our local and international manufacturers and suppliers. We ensure that those individuals and companies we partner with share the same values as ours. We want to do the right thing, make a positive difference in the world.

We are dedicated to contributing to experiential spatial environments that consider wellbeing as well as efficiency. Honest design. Dedication to quality in everything we do. These things are integral to our mindset. It's in our DNA.

It's the way we think, feel and work.



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#### it was born out of A chair should last as long as the tree

where not. materials, up-cycle where possible and recycle that focus on zero-waste targets, use of sustainable to who we are and what we do. We adopt systems with nature and the environment is essential At K5 Furniture we believe that living in harmony

and sustainability as an integrated whole, without and designers, celebrates innovation, science a regenerative approach designed to eliminate compromising the health of the planet. European and international manufacturing partners costs. Our design ethos, like that of our Australian, possible; while minimizing ecological and social productive use, in a high value state, for as long as waste, ensuring that materials are retained in We practice a circular economy business model

reusable 'blankets' to protect our furniture packaging, like single use wrapping, preferring routes carefully and efficiently; and avoid wasteful to diminish environmental impacts: plan travel choice of renewable energy sources. We work hard We are energy efficient in our operations and our

in the first place. making. They believe that a chair should last at principles that inform their designs and furniture nature has a purpose and a function: fundamenta materials. They, like us, believe that everything in respect for the environment and the use of natura Our manufacturing partners have long histories of least as long as the tree that provided its material

#### Checks and balances

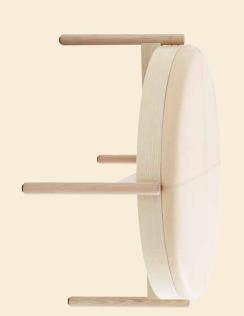
control over quality and sustainability. with certified environmental credentials; furniture provenances: wood from verified sources that to our strict environmental checks and balances. K5 Furniture products are manufactured according paddings specially moulded by us to maintain we risk assess; recycled metals; furnishing fabrics We carefully monitor supply chains and material

### Reuse, repurpose, refurbish

not end up as landfill. By reusing, repurposing, turniture can take on new and different lives. returbishing and renovating, many pieces of We also believe that quality furniture should

or sofa can extend its life for years. new and different life; re-upholstering a chair A new tabletop can give a table an entirely

and youth centres to indigenous and under-privileged communities to responsibly manage their recycling by donating And when products no longer have a use, we offer





## Things essential to our being

At K5 Furniture we believe that as citizens of the world we have an obligation to care for people and the health of the planet.

Contributing things of value to the world

community. Contributing to eco-conservation.
Contributing to the wellbeing of the marginalized and the underprivileged while celebrating cultural diversity.

At work, we provide a safe, healthy environment that encourages and nurtures endeavour and innovation and productivity. We remunerate our staff above award requirements.

Time off for family wellbeing or the development of children and their education are not only socially responsible, but an obligation to committed team members who make what we do possible. These are some of the things essential to our being.

# Humanistic furniture:



















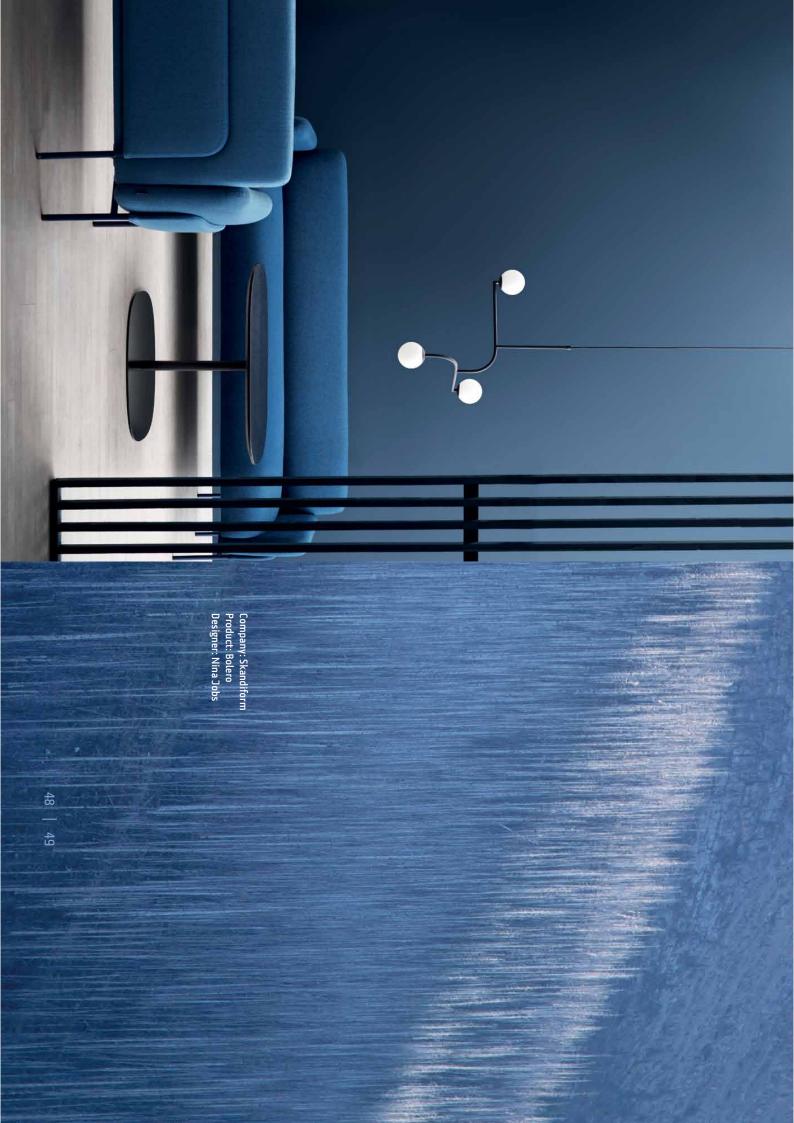








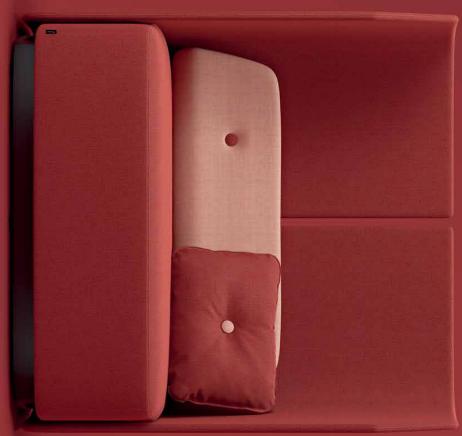








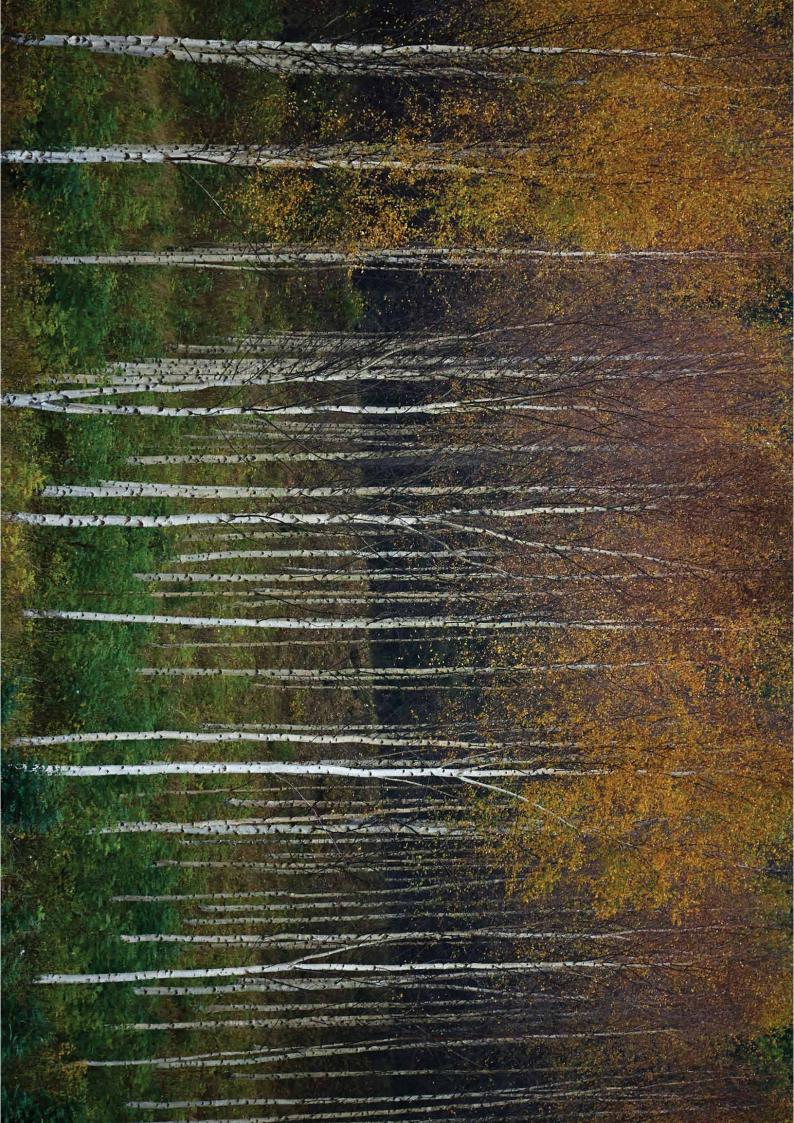




a sense of joy and vitality.

Best of both worlds

Comfortable active clusters with contained personal space and acoustic shelter. New generation furniture. Special pieces to help define focal points and invoke

























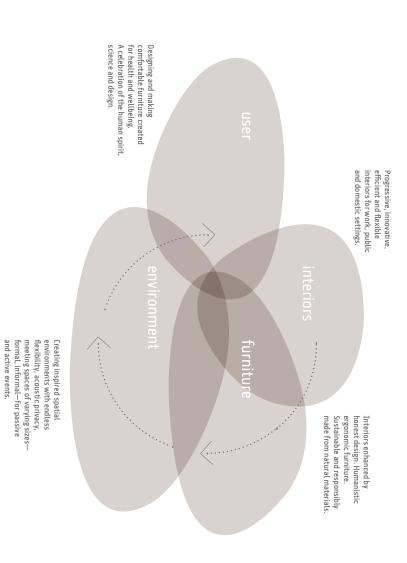






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# K5 business values and conduct

K5 Furniture is a participating member of the United Nations Global Compact. As such, we acknowledge that corporate sustainability starts with a company's value system and a principlebased approach to business. Our business conduct is defined by 10 principles:

#### Human rights

Principle 1: business should support and respect the protection internationally of proclaimed human rights.

Principle 2: make sure they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

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Principle 3: business should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining.

Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour.

Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labour.

Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

#### Environment

Principle 7: business should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges.

Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility.

Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

### Anti-corruption

Principle 10: business should work against corruption in all forms, including extortion and bribery.

## K5 circular economy

The circular economy offers a way to unite environmental sustainability with profitability.

Principle 1: preserve and enhance natural capital by, for example, selecting required natural resources wisely and choosing, wherever possible, technologies and processes that use renewable or better performing resources.

Principle 2: optimise resource yields, that is to say, design for manufacturing, refurbishing, and recycling to keep components and materials circulating in, and contributing to the economy.

Principle 3: foster system effectiveness by designing out 'negative external impacts' such as reducing damage to human unity, and managing externalities, such as land use, air, water and noise pollution, release of toxic substances, and climate change.

More and more people want to make sustainable choices. As one of Australia's leading suppliers of interior solutions, we achieve these demands by adopting the following steps in the circular economy processes.

