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In collaboration with designers and architects from around the globe, we develop furniture with sustainable, functional and attractive design for all meeting places. Our operations are built on a genuine local craftsmanship tradition which we combine with the latest technological advances.

## Bike Monica Förster

**MONICA FÖRSTER**

Monica Förster is one of Sweden's leading, most awarded, publicized and internationally celebrated furniture and product designers. She is the only designer to be named Designer of the Year twice by Elle Decoration, in 2008 and most recently in 2015, one of the latest in a long suite of fine prizes and awards. Her designs stand out for their innovation, elegance and timeless contemporaneity. Monica Förster grew up north of the Arctic Circle in Lapland. From her studio in Stockholm, she works not only for several of the world's leading furniture producers, but also for companies such as Techno, Volvo and Whirlpool. Already in 2004, Monica Förster was awarded Time Magazine's Coolest Invention award for her highly-publicized CLOUD "portable room" for Offecct.



The inspiration for Monica Förster's *Bike* chair for Offecct comes, as the name implies, from cycling and the sporting world. The chair is constructed with a strong steel tube frame, fitted with leather seating. The seating can be easily replaced, if needed.

"TO ME, INSPIRATION from the sporting world means great attention to detail – and the combined effect of the whole and the details," says Monica Förster. "It's a chair that is highly crafted, very premium in every detail, but with something of a cool rough edge. We've invested a great deal of effort to create a chair that looks equally good from every angle, as well as from the back, which I think is a bit unusual." "The chair also looks equally good placed in numbers around a round, square or rectangular table, with lines that are pleasant to the eye, creating calm in the room," Förster adds. "I think this is a nice architectonic quality."

Though *Bike* is a chair developed mainly for the contract market, it has strong crossover qualities.

"The leather will give the chair a nice patina, aging gracefully with time," says Monica Förster. "It's interesting with natural materials that you live with, also for the home. The more you use it, the more beautiful it gets."

*Bike* was first introduced as a Lab product in 2016.

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