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Introducing Pelago – a timeless furniture family for every setting Note designs Skagerak's largest outdoor collection to date



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After four years of development, the family-run Scandinavian furniture brand Skagerak has announced the launch of Pelago – a collection of outdoor furniture designed by Stockholm's multidisciplinary Note Design Studio.

Comprising chairs, extendable tables, and sunbeds, the Pelago collection is the most extensive furniture family to launch in Skagerak's 45-year history. Each piece is a graceful and contemporary combination of solid teak, powder-coated aluminium and Sunbrella Sling fabric that combines a distinctive expression with the versatility to fit in a variety of outdoor environments – from sun-kissed clifftops and forest summerhouses to island villas and urban terraces.

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Note and Skagerak began working together on the project in 2017, following a few small-scale collaborations during design fairs. The partnership represented a new way of working for both parties, a departure from Skagerak's usual approach of working with a single designer, rather than a collective such as Note.



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Perfect partners

For the Note team, working with Skagerak gave them an opportunity to slow down and rigorously engage with design and development, resulting in a timeless, highly refined collection, optimised for longevity.

“Creating the Pelago Collection has really taken advantage of our multidisciplinary nature. Involving an interior architect as well as product designers. We have zoomed in and out constantly in order to see the products from different perspectives, always considering how and where each piece will be used.”

– Malin Engvall, product designer, Note Design Studio

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The brief was to create a collection that would appeal to Skagerak's existing customer base of Scandinavian design lovers, but which also had an international character that could attract the attention of the contract market. The Note team were determined it should be the sort of collection that would look at home on a cliff above the ocean or on the hotel poolside. From the beginning, it was clear that water would play a big part in the development of the furniture concept, so the collection name was a natural choice – 'Pelago' means 'ocean' in Ancient Greek.



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Timeless, comfort-led and made to last

The materials that form the Pelago collection have been chosen for their durability, sustainability and aesthetic versatility. Robust FSC-certified teak references Skagerak's classic Scandinavian roots, while the aluminium suggests a more international aesthetic, with colour options in Hunter's green and light ivory contributing to a natural, oceanfront feel. The Sunbrella Sling fabric is an open-weave vinyl-coated polyester and acrylic yarn blend that is resistant to the effects of weather and climate but maintains the warmth of natural textile – meaning the Pelago chair, armchair and subbed are light in expression and comfortable with or without additional cushions.

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“We wanted to design a long-lasting collection, with an expression that is confident and distinct, but that respects the environment it is used in – enough character to add something to the space, without demanding all the attention. We have focused on the materials, removing superfluous details and keeping straight lines and wide surfaces of wood, like the armrest on the lounge chair. It is the combination of teak, aluminium and Sling textile that brings a touch of internationality to the expression – generous, inviting and comfortable.”

– Malin Engvall, product designer, Note Design Studio

Note worked closely with Skagerak’s engineers to ensure that every piece was optimised and adapted to find the perfect balance between production efficiency and aesthetics. The material durability of the pieces combined with their timeless look ensure the collection’s longevity – Pelago is a collection designed to retain value second-hand, or be passed on to the next generation.



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Pelago will be available to order online and at selected retailers in spring 2022. The collection will be on show at the Skagerak showrooms on Indikaj 2, Copenhagen Ø and Ved Stranden 10, Copenhagen K during 3DaysofDesign, 16–18 September 2021.

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Note Design Studio

Founded in 2008 by Johannes Carlström and Cristiano Pigazzini, Note is a Stockholm-based design studio working across the fields of architecture, interiors, products, graphic design and design strategy. Now comprising a large and varied team of designers, Note has grown to become one of the most internationally admired names in Scandinavian design, working with a wide range of international design brands and winning a steady stream of design awards.

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Skagerak

Founded in 1976 in Denmark, Skagerak is a family-owned company that creates long-lasting furniture and products for indoor and outdoor use. Quality and sustainability are key to the company's philosophy and mission and it works with an international roster of design talent to create sustainable, quintessentially Scandinavian furniture designed to last for generations. The company has been a member of the UN Global Compact Act since 2010, a B Corp since 2017 and FSCTM-certified since 2003.

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