

DESIGNER PORTRAITS

Sebastian Desch | Head of Design

Sebastian Desch's designs are characterised by harmonious proportions and a timeless appeal; he aims to create pieces that are suited to their material and make the most of its features. His enthusiasm for wood and craftsmanship is the foundation of his work – or more accurately, of his passion. The fine details of his designs show his masterly understanding of traditional craft skills, but are never purely for superficial decoration – they form a stylistically coherent part of a simple and elegant design language, full of emotional warmth. And this hits the mark: in recent years, as head designer at TEAM 7, he has achieved international recognition with numerous well-known design awards.



His designs recently made a grand impression again and were honoured with the BIG SEE PRODUCT DESIGN AWARD 2018. In the Slovenian capital Ljubljana, as part of the "Month of Design" celebration, his creations actually received a triple award during the prize ceremony: for the **hi!** side table, **hood/hood+** clothes rack and the **sol** writing desk.

Sebastian Desch has been fascinated by wood as a medium since he was a child, when drawing and working with different materials, above all wood, were among his favourite activities. He later enjoyed a comprehensive education in interior architecture and furniture design at the renowned technical college HTBLA Hallstatt – while at the same time further intensifying his love of wood as a material by training as a woodworker. He consolidated his distinctive flair for forms and materials, as well as for their professional processing, thereby establishing the foundation for his subsequent career, which began as a planner and project manager at an architecture firm. After joining TEAM 7, the Austrian pioneers of solid wood furniture, as an interior architect and stylist, he was also appointed in-house designer as of 2008.

Now as Head of Design for TEAM 7 since 2015, Sebastian Desch is responsible not only for the design of selected new products and careful development of the existing product range, but also for the overall architectural appearance of the brand. His responsibilities include the styling for photo shoots, for example, and concept planning for TEAM 7 exhibition stands at major furniture fairs in Cologne and Milan.

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