

KURU

design Antti Kotilainen

Kuru is a series of chairs intended for public areas, which are suitable for customer areas, meeting rooms and dining areas. Kuru, which means ravine, gained its name from the wavy form of the back of the chairs, which creates the impression of a fell-like landscape.

The seat's soft lines and rhythm conceal a multitude of technical details. The aluminium casting underneath the seat has many functions. It connects the legs and seat section, makes the chair stackable and durable, and a row connection fitting can be integrated into it as well. The aluminium part is made of 100% recycled metal. The trivalent chromium used in the finishing also makes Kuru more environmentally friendly.

The ergonomics of the Kuru chair are excellent, and the cup-shaped seat enables both passive and active sitting. The seat depth is sufficiently long and the front part of the seat section that curves downwards supports but does not press against the user. The legs of the chair stand firmly on the floor – or as the designer Antti Kotilainen himself puts it, “the product does not float; the ground draws the chair down towards it”.

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Antti Kotilainen was born in 1966. He is a furniture designer by training and has worked for several Scandinavian furniture companies with great success since 1992. Kotilainen emphasises the fact that design is above all a series of ideas, experiments, reasons and decisions, in which intuition must be kept clear in the mind at all times.

When it comes to designing furniture, Antti Kotilainen is interested in the complexity of design, which builds up around a piece of furniture. The designer's task is to live, survey the surroundings, look at things and on the basis of this construct arguments about our time. The design is not made up of the obvious, but the controlled deconstruction of the world and dimensions.

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