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DOMUS – DESIGN ILMARI TAPIOVAARA 1946

Finnish designer and interior architect Ilmari Tapiovaara designed the Domus Chair in 1946 for the student housing complex Domus Academica in Helsinki. The chair became a great international success and the guiding light for all of Tapiovaara's subsequent work. Today Domus is still found in public spaces such as restaurants, schools and auditoriums, but is also popular in home environments.

Primarily intended as a reading chair in students' rooms, the Domus Chair needed to be comfortable and support good posture for many hours of studying. With the three-dimensionally curved seats, Tapiovaara created a chair that conformed to the body in a new and highly comfortable way. The characteristic short armrests of the Domus Chair offer a surprising degree of support, while simultaneously allowing the chair to be pulled close to a table.

The lightweight, stackable and multi-purpose Domus quickly became popular in the growing public sector in Finland. Its international recognition eventually made Domus the first successful post-war design export from Finland, sold in the UK under the name of "Stax" and in the United States as the "Finnchair". Its popularity led to numerous awards, such as the Good Design Award in Chicago in 1950, and the gold medal at Milan Triennale in 1951.

The Domus Lounge Chair was designed for the public spaces of Domus Academica. The chair's generous proportions meant that it was technically not possible to produce the seat and back element in one piece. In its current production by Artek, the Domus Lounge Chair is now made out of one moulded plywood element, as was originally intended by Tapiovaara.

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DOMUS CHAIR



black stained birch,
stackable up to 4 chairs



black stained birch,
seat upholstered with fabric



natural lacquered oak,
seat upholstered with leather



natural lacquered birch,
stackable up to 4 chairs



honey stained birch,
stackable up to 4 chairs



natural lacquered oak, seat and
back upholstered with leather



natural lacquered oak,
stackable up to 4 chairs



lacquered white birch,
stackable up to 4 chairs

DOMUS LOUNGE CHAIR



black lacquered birch, also
available in natural lacquered
birch, oak and honey stained birch



black lacquered birch,
seat upholstered with fabric



natural lacquered oak,
seat upholstered with leather



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