

seating



THE OFFICE FURNITURE
COMPANY LIMITED



About Sven Christiansen

Sven Christiansen is a privately owned British furniture manufacturing company, established in 1974. Our factory is in Kingswinford, West Midlands and we have showrooms there, in Great Portland Street, London, and in Guildford. In addition, our furniture is displayed in the showrooms of our distributors throughout the UK.

We manufacture a very wide range of high quality furniture for general and executive offices, for conference and meeting rooms, for receptions and for many other applications. Our seating complements our furniture and enables us to provide a comprehensive package.

We have built up a reputation as a very reliable supplier of great integrity – based on the experience of tens of thousands of satisfied customers over more than thirty years.

Sven and the Environment

We operate an Environmental Management System that meets the requirements of BS EN ISO 14001, independently certified by BSI (certificate no. EMS 504871). We also operate a Quality Management System meeting BS EN ISO 9001, also certified by BSI (certificate no. FM 86198).



We undertake ongoing review of our products, raw materials and processes with the objective of continual improvement in our environmental performance. To minimise our waste to landfill we have invested in a wood burning furnace with clean-air afterburners, which disposes of much of our waste timber and extracted dust. The furnace reduces the amount of waste timber going to landfill and also provides heating for our factory.

We are fully committed to eliminating or reducing the environmental impact of our operations wherever possible.

Important notes about hardwood timbers and veneers

We use solid hardwoods and wood veneers whose varying grain and figure emphasise the natural beauty and individuality of the wood. No two pieces of timber are identical, and there will be natural variations in hue, grain and figure, and both knots and colouring arising from natural minerals in the wood. Bamboo also exhibits variations in colour and pattern. None of these variations or features are faults: they are simply proof of the natural origin of the product. Please note that most timbers and veneers either lighten or darken on exposure to light. Should you add additional items at a later date, there may be an initial colour mismatch that should even out over a period of time.

Maintenance

Fabric upholstery should be vacuumed regularly with appropriate care. This helps remove contaminants and gritty particles that have an abrasive effect which reduces the life of the fabric. Leather should be cleaned with a soft damp cloth or a mild solution of pure soap flakes. Timber frames and veneer finishes require no maintenance and cleaning should be carried out solely with a damp cloth and soft duster. Spray and wax polishes should not be used.

Colour accuracy

Due to variations in lighting and the limitations of the printing process, variations in colour may occur between the illustrations in this brochure and manufactured items. Samples of all our finishes are available on request from our Customer Service Department.



Guarantee

We guarantee our seating for five years against any defects resulting from faulty materials or workmanship, fair wear and tear excluded, and subject to appropriate use, care and maintenance.

Specifications and terms

We reserve the right to amend or update specifications, or delete items, without prior notice. All orders are accepted subject to our Terms & Conditions of Sale (a copy of which is available on request).

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HBB

The HBB series comprises executive and conference seating of the highest quality. The sleek contours of the seats and backs have been carefully developed to combine comfort and support and the distinctive arms incorporate a soft-touch insert. The range comprises swivel/tilt working chairs on five star bases, swivel conference chairs on four star bases and conference chairs on cantilever skid bases, all in both high back and medium back variants.

Design: Hilary Birkbeck

HBB



HBB

Executive/Working Chair

Design: Hilary Birkbeck

HBB executive working chairs are fitted with a synchro tilt mechanism and are offered in both high back and medium back versions. The high back variant may optionally be fitted with a headrest and/or coat hanger in polished chrome.

HBB conference chairs are offered in both medium back and high back versions, on polished chrome cantilever skid bases or four star polished aluminium swivel bases. All models are fitted with arms.



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1. **HBB1HA**, high back, swivel/tilt, with headrest
2. **HBB1MA**, medium back, swivel/tilt
3. **HBB1HA**, high back, swivel/tilt
4. **HBB3MA**, medium back, cantilever skid frame
5. **HBB3HA**, high back, cantilever skid frame
6. Optional coathanger and headrest
7. **HBB2MA**, medium back, swivel
8. **HBB2HA**, high back, swivel
9. **HBB1HA**, profile

Ele

A modern reinterpretation of a classic design, with improved comfort and enhanced functionality. The range comprises swivel/tilt working chairs on five star bases, swivel conference chairs on four star bases and conference chairs on cantilever skid bases, all in both high back and medium back variants.

Ele

Executive &
Conference



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Executive and Conference Chairs

Ele executive working chairs have independent seats and backs and are fitted with a synchronous mechanism that reclines the back in a 2:1 ratio with the seat, for optimum comfort. Arms are upholstered in fabric or leather to match the seat and back.

Ele conference chairs are offered in both medium back and high back versions, with or without arms and on polished chrome cantilever skid bases or four star polished aluminium swivel bases (with height adjustment). The distinctive Ele bar stool echoes the same design hallmarks and is both sophisticated and very comfortable.



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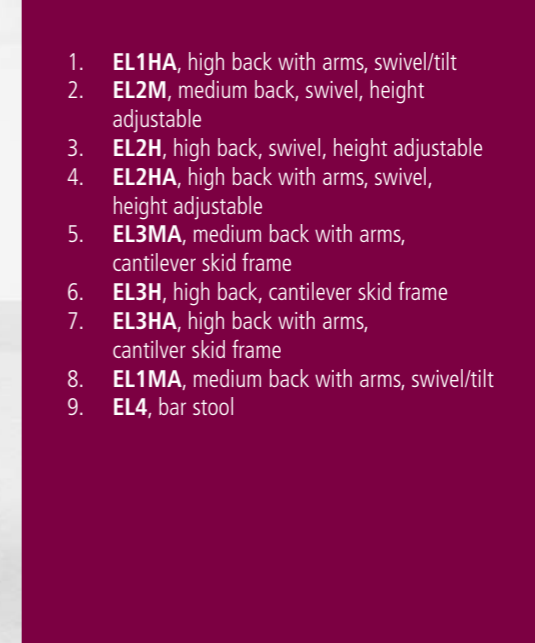
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- 1. **EL1HA**, high back with arms, swivel/tilt
- 2. **EL2M**, medium back, swivel, height adjustable
- 3. **EL2H**, high back, swivel, height adjustable
- 4. **EL2HA**, high back with arms, swivel, height adjustable
- 5. **EL3MA**, medium back with arms, cantilever skid frame
- 6. **EL3H**, high back, cantilever skid frame
- 7. **EL3HA**, high back with arms, cantilever skid frame
- 8. **EL1MA**, medium back with arms, swivel/tilt
- 9. **EL4**, bar stool

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- 5. **EL3MA**, medium back with arms, cantilever skid frame
- 6. **EL3H**, high back, cantilever skid frame
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- 8. **EL1MA**, medium back with arms, swivel/tilt
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G-Series

G-Series comprises four working chairs with accompanying visitors/meeting chairs. Each chair is available in a variety of configurations – outlined on the following pages. All models have been carefully designed to combine comfort and style with exceptional durability. All working chairs have been tested to BS 5459-2:2000, for use by persons weighing up to 150kg for 24 hours per day.

G-Series



G1

1. G1MA mechanism M1
2. G1MA mechanism M2
3. G1MC mechanism M3

Practical, comfortable chairs with seamless upholstery, offered with a choice of mechanisms (see pages 22-23 for details). G1 chairs have been tested to BS 5459-2:2000, for use by persons weighing up to 150kg for 24 hours per day.

Optional arms are height adjustable, with a soft PU top incorporating forwards/backwards adjustment.

Bases are black resin or polished aluminium. Columns are black or polished chrome.

The seat is fixed or, optionally, sliding with a flexible seat front.

The backrest is height adjustable and shaped to provide excellent back support. An inflatable lumbar support is available as an option.

Two-tone seat/back upholstery is available as an option.

A choice of castors is available for hard and soft floors, braked and unbraked.



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G2

1. **G2HA** polished base, black column, 60mm castors
2. **G2HA** polished base, chrome column, 50mm castors
3. **G2HA** black base, black column, 50mm castors
4. **G2MA** polished base, black column, 60mm castors



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Distinctive chairs with a flared backrest and crisp, seamed upholstery, available in both medium and high back versions. Offered with a choice of mechanisms (see pages 22-23 for details). G2 chairs have been tested to BS 5459-2:2000, for use by persons weighing up to 150kg for 24 hours per day.

Optional arms are height adjustable, with a soft PU top incorporating forwards/backwards adjustment.

Bases are black resin or polished aluminium. Columns are black or polished chrome.

The seat is fixed or, optionally, sliding with a flexible seat front.

The backrest is height adjustable and shaped to provide excellent back support. An inflatable lumbar support is available as an option.

Two-tone seat/back upholstery is available as an option.

A choice of castors is available for hard and soft floors, braked and unbraked, hooded and unhooded.

G2E

Mesh back version of the G2, offered with a choice of mechanisms (see pages 22-23 for details). G2E chairs have been tested to BS 5459-2:2000, for use by persons weighing up to 150kg for 24 hours per day.

Optional arms are height adjustable, with a soft PU top incorporating forwards/backwards adjustment.

Bases are black resin or polished aluminium. Columns are black or polished chrome. The seat is fixed or, optionally, sliding with a flexible seat front.

The mesh back provides firm and flexible support, combined with breathability. A choice of castors is available for hard and soft floors, braked and unbraked.

1. **G2EA** black base, chrome column, 50mm castors
2. **G2EA** polished base, chrome column, 60mm castors



G3

Luxurious, generously-sized working chairs with an upholstered back, available in both medium and high back versions. Offered with a choice of mechanisms (see pages 22-23 for details). G3 chairs have been tested to BS 5459-2:2000, for use by persons weighing up to 150kg for 24 hours per day.

Optional arms are height adjustable, with a soft PU top incorporating forwards/backwards adjustment. A sliding seat is fitted as standard.

The backrest is height adjustable and shaped to provide excellent back support. An inflatable lumbar support and two-tone seat/back upholstery are both available as options.

A choice of castors is available for hard and soft floors, braked and unbraked.

1. **G3HA** polished base, chrome column, A4 arm
2. **G3HA** black base, black column, A3 arm
3. **G3HA** chrome base, black column, A3 arm
4. **G3MA** polished base, chrome column, A3 arm

Design: Hilary Birkbeck



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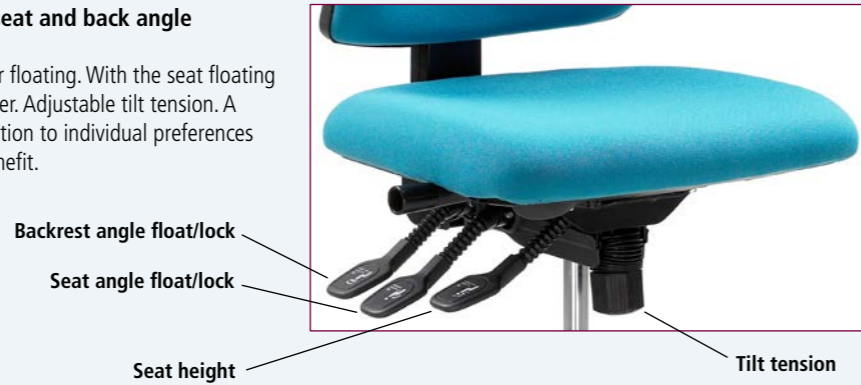
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Mechanism Options

M1 1:1 back/seat tilt mechanism with independent seat and back angle adjustments

The seat angle and backrest angle can both be locked or floating. With the seat floating and backrest locked the combined seat/back tilts together. Adjustable tilt tension. A 'lively' mechanism with a lot of potential for personalisation to individual preferences – but needs user understanding to deliver maximum benefit.

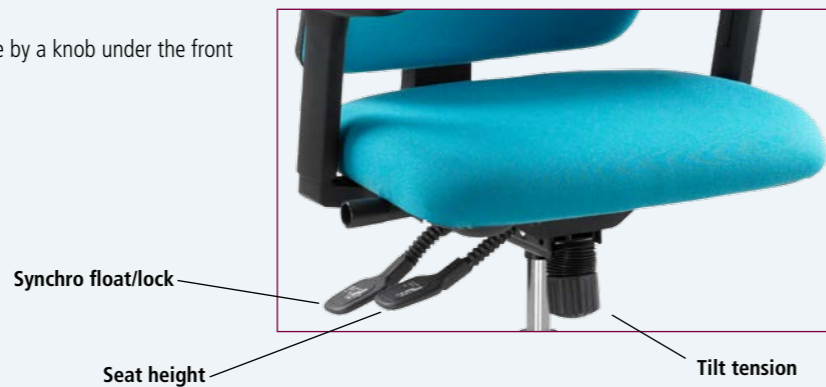
Available on G1 and G2.



M2 Synchro mechanism with 2:1 back/seat movement

Conventional synchro mechanism with tilt tension adjustable by a knob under the front of the seat.

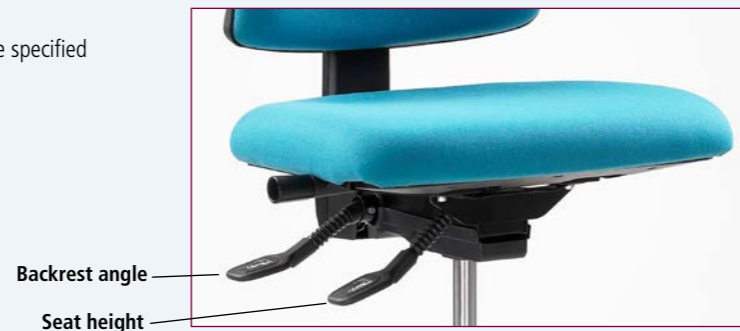
Available on G1 and G2.



M3 Fixed seat with manual back rake adjustment

Mandatory on cashier height chairs for safety reasons, but may also be specified on desk-height chairs.

Available on G1.



MG Premium Synchro mechanism with 2:1 back/seat movement and integral seat depth adjustment

Synchro mechanism with tilt tension adjustable by turning a convenient pull-out handle at the side of the seat. Integral seat depth adjustment. Available on G2, G2E and G3. Standard on HBB and Ele. (*chairs fitted with the MG mechanism always have an adjustable depth seat, but on models where the seat pan also incorporates a sliding seat the seat depth adjustments is deleted from the mechanism for ergonomic and safety reasons, to avoid having two seat depth adjustments).



M6 Premium Synchro mechanism with 2:1 back/seat movement with integral forwards tilt and variable initial back angle

Synchro mechanism offering an exceptional degree of recline. Tilt tension adjustable by a convenient winding handle at the side of the seat. Independent adjustment of the backrest angle, enabling the user to set the initial angle between seat and backrest, which then opens out further as the seat and back recline. Also fitted with a forwards tilt function which may be enabled or disabled as the user prefers.

Available on G2, G2E and G3.



Standards

All our working chair mechanisms and columns have been tested to BS 5459-2:2000, for use by persons weighing up to 150kg for use up to 24 hours per day. G-series chairs also meet the requirements of BS EN 1335-1:2000 (dimensions of office work chairs). Sven Christiansen are certified to BS EN ISO 9001 (Quality Management Systems) and BS EN ISO 14001 (Environmental Management Systems).



ISO 9001
FM 86198



ISO 14001
EMS 504871

Ergonomics and Office Seating

We believe in "Movement where it matters". Dynamic sitting is important in any situation where you are sitting for a long period – so the mechanisms we offer on our working chairs both enable and encourage movement. Our optional Freefloat™ mechanism adds movement to selected meeting chairs. We don't seek to incorporate movement mechanisms in our reception and breakout seating because movement is much less important for these applications – and might even disconcert unsuspecting visitors.

On our working chairs we offer a choice of mechanisms to suit different needs, preferences and budgets. All deliver movement, adjustability and comfort. All pivot such that the user's ankles flex when tilting back, thus activating the 'secondary heart' in the feet and lower legs, which aids blood circulation and helps prevent blood pooling in the lower limbs while seated.*

The M2, MG and M6 are all 2:1 synchro mechanisms where the back reclines at twice the rate of the seat, thus opening the angle at the hips when reclining. By comparison, on the M1 mechanism the angle between seat and back can be adjusted, but is then fixed as the chair tilts backwards and forwards. This makes for a 'lively' chair that responds more instantaneously to changes in pressure on the backrest and seat – but at the price of fixing the relationship between seat and back. Both mechanism designs encourage dynamic sitting and both have enthusiastic supporters amongst ergonomists and physiotherapists. We offer our customers the choice.

(* excluding the M3 mechanism which has a fixed seat – for safety reasons on high chairs)



Maximum recline with M2 synchro mechanism



Maximum recline with M6 premium synchro mechanism

G4

Visitor/Conference Chair

Design: Hilary Birkbeck

A very comfortable meeting chair that combines a flexible, fully-upholstered shell with the integral spring of a cantilever frame. Available on both standard frame (main image) and stacking frame (see inset images: may be stacked up to five high). The optional arms are in black polypropylene and have a distinctive oval profile. Frames are finished in zinc, black or chrome. Hard floor glides are available as an option.



G5

Visitor/Conference Chair

Design: Hilary Birkbeck

The G5 utilises the same comfortable, stylish shell as the G4, but mounted on a four legged frame. The optional arms are in black polypropylene and have a distinctive oval profile. Frames are finished in zinc, black or chrome.

G5 is available with a fixed seat and back, or with the enhanced comfort and movement of our unique Freefloat™ mechanism – see page 38 for details.



G6

Visitor/Conference Chair

Design: Hilary Birkbeck

A very comfortable meeting chair that combines a flexible, fully-upholstered shell with the integral spring of a cantilever frame. Available on both standard frame (main image) and stacking frame (see inset images: may be stacked up to five high). The optional arms are in black polypropylene and have a distinctive oval profile. Frames are finished in zinc, black or chrome. Hard floor glides are available as an option.



G7

Visitor/Conference Chair

Design: Hilary Birkbeck

The G7 utilises the same comfortable, stylish shell as the G4, but mounted on a four legged frame. The optional arms are in black polypropylene and have a distinctive oval profile. Frames are finished in zinc, black or chrome.

G7 is available with a fixed seat and back, or with the enhanced comfort and movement of our unique Freefloat™ mechanism – see page 38 for details.



Fulcrum

Meeting and conference chairs of exceptional quality and comfort, with hardwood frames in a wide range of timbers and finishes to match Sven Christiansen desking and conference tables (F1 & F2) or with steel frames in polished chrome, zinc or black (F3 & F4). The subtle curves of the upholstery reflect the shape of the underlying timber shell, carefully developed to provide outstanding comfort and support.

Design: Hilary Birkbeck

Fulcrum Seating



Fulcrum F1

Timber Frame

F1 is available with a choice of arm cappings over a polished aluminium structure. Frames and timber capped arms are offered in a wide choice of finishes – please see page 42. Arms are available upholstered in fabric or leather, or capped in timber. The innovative frame construction features steel plates embedded within the hardwood of the frame, attached to tubular steel cross rails. This structure is immensely strong and enables F1 to

pass the most severe strength and stability tests, BS4875-1 2007 to level 5 (severe contract use) and BS EN 15373:2007 to level 3 (severe use), without requiring any external fixings. F1 is available with a fixed seat and back, or with the enhanced comfort and movement of our unique Freefloat™ mechanism – see page 42 for details.

1. Light Oak frame, fabric upholstery, fabric arms
2. Natural Walnut frame, leather upholstery, timber arms
3. Natural Walnut frame, leather upholstery, leather arms
4. Cherry frame, leather upholstery, Cherry arm caps
5. Cherry frame, leather upholstery, leather arm caps



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Fulcrum F2

Timber Frame

Meeting and conference chairs of exceptional quality and comfort, with hardwood frames in a wide range of timbers and finishes. Arms are in aluminium, either polished or lacquered in high gloss piano black, or in timber to match the frame. The F2 frame and arms have more angular profiles than its relative the F1, suiting the F2 especially to tables with square or chamfered edge profiles. The innovative frame construction features steel plates embedded within the hardwood

of the frame, attached to tubular steel cross rails. This structure is immensely strong and enable F2 to pass the most severe strength and stability tests, BS4875-1 2007 to level 5 (severe contract use) and BS EN 15373:2007 to level 3 (severe use), without requiring any external fixings. F2 is available with a fixed seat and back, or with the enhanced comfort and movement of our unique Freefloat™ mechanism – see page 42 for details.

1. Light Oak frame, leather upholstery, polished arms
2. Natural Walnut frame, leather upholstery, polished arms – Fulcrum conference table
3. Natural Walnut frame, leather upholstery, timber arms
4. Maple frame, fabric upholstery, piano gloss black arms



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Fulcrum F3

Cantilever Frame

The F3 shares the same comfortable shell as the F1, but on a resilient steel cantilever frame that imparts a subtle spring. Optional arms are in polished aluminium capped in timber, fabric or leather. Frames are available in polished chrome, zinc or black and may optionally be specified as stacking. The F3 has been tested to BS4875-1 2007 level 4 and BS EN15373:2007 level 2.

1. Chrome frame, leather upholstery, natural walnut arms.
2. Chrome frame, fabric upholstery, armless and with light oak arms, matching the edge of the Fulcrum table.
3. Black frame, fabric upholstery, leather arms, optional hard floor glides.
4. Chrome frame, fabric upholstery, leather arms.



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Fulcrum F4

Tubular legs

On tubular legs finished in zinc, black or chrome. F4 is available with a fixed seat & back, or with the enhanced comfort and movement of our unique Freefloat™ mechanism – see page 42 for details. The F4 has been tested to BS4875-1 2007 level 5 and BS EN15373:2007 level 3.

1. Chrome frame, fabric upholstery, leather arms.
2. Chrome frame, fabric upholstery, leather arms/armless. Fulcrum meeting table.
3. Black frame, fabric upholstery, leather arms.
4. Chrome frame, fabric upholstery.



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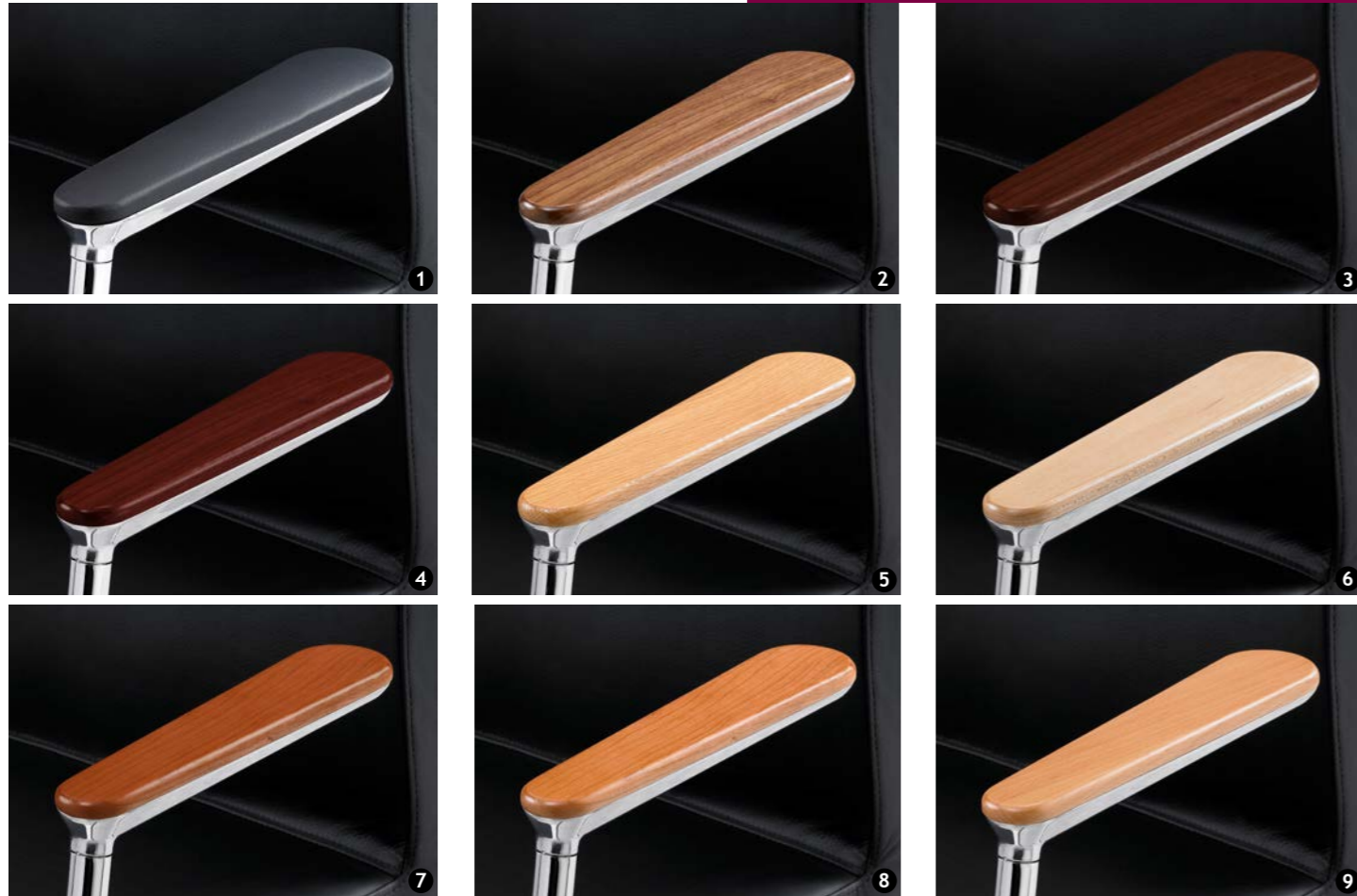


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Fulcrum

Finishes for arms and frames

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| 1. Black Leather (arms only) | 4. Rose Walnut | 7. Cherry |
| 2. Natural Walnut | 5. Light Oak | 8. Natural Cherry |
| 3. American Walnut | 6. Maple | 9. Steamed Beech |



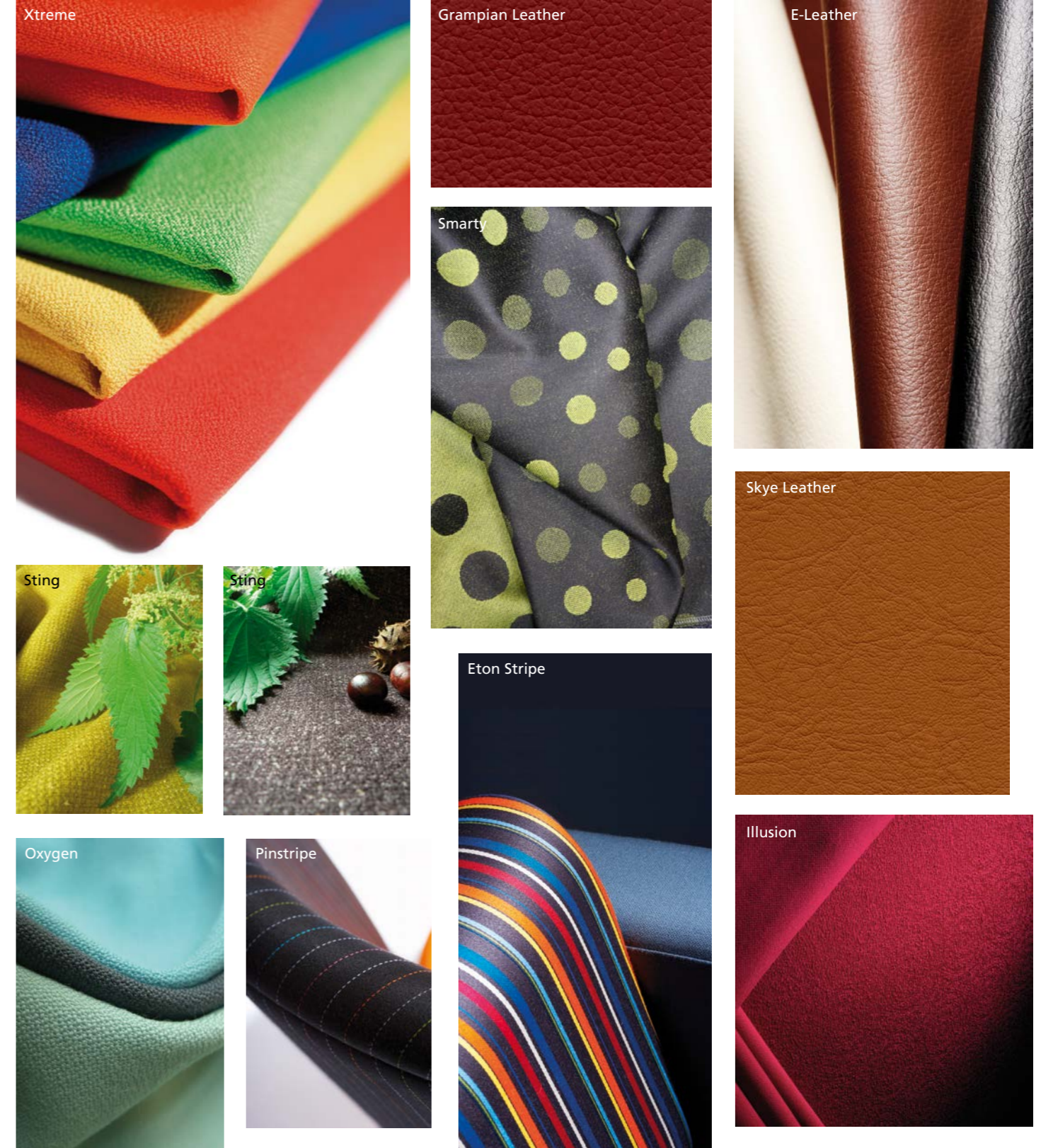
FREEFLOAT™

Freefloat™ provides a smooth range of movement from a forwards tilt of -3° to a rear tilt of +10°. The central pivot ensures the chair follows your movements naturally and without conscious thought. The automatically progressive resistance requires no user adjustment, and because no controls are required the Freefloat™ mechanism does not alter the visual appearance of the chair. Freefloat™ is optional on all Fulcrum four-legged chairs (F1, F2, F4) and on the G5 and G7.



Fabrics and Leathers

We list and price a very extensive selection of fabrics and leathers, but we are happy to upholster our seating in any suitable material. Our main suppliers are listed at the bottom of the page, together with their web addresses. All provide comprehensive information online and all will post out free samples on request.



Bradbury www.bradburyfabrics.com
 Camira www.camirafabrics.com
 Yarwood www.yarwood.co.uk

Bridge of Weir www.bowleather.co.uk
 Gabriel www.gabriel.dk

Bute www.butefabrics.com
 Kvadrat www.kvadrat.dk

Welcome

Sumptuously comfortable soft seating with distinctive hardwood feet in finishes to match all Sven furniture. With matching benches and coffee tables (with tops in veneer, MFC, clear glass and black mirror glass).

Design: Sven Studio



Welcome

Design: Sven Studio



Clarity

Sleek and elegant soft seating with matching benches and coffee tables (with tops in veneer, MFC, clear glass and black mirror glass).

Design: Sven Studio

Inset: coffee table with clear glass top.



Clarity

Design: Sven Studio



Friday

Imaginative soft seating with a clearly defined shell that may be upholstered in matching or contrasting fabric, or veneered in a wide range of timber finishes (see. p.38) with solid hardwood corners.

Friday coffee tables have an elegant frame in formed ply veneered in finishes to match all Sven furniture (see p.38). Tops are in clear glass, black mirror glass or veneer.

Design: Hilary Birkbeck



Lux

A clean modern interpretation of a classic style, at home in a very wide variety of environments and available in both individual and two seat variants.

Design: Sven Studio



S-Sofa

Design: Hilary Birkbeck

Crisp, contemporary and curvaceous, S-Sofa can assume different characters dependent on the upholstery specified. Matching coffee tables with tops in veneer or MFC to match all Sven furniture.



HB3

Design: Hilary Birkbeck

Large, striking reception chairs and sofas with a distinctive space frame structure and generous, wide arms. Frames in zinc, black or polished chrome.

Matching coffee tables and arm trays in formed ply, veneered in all Sven standard finishes (see p.38). Arm trays incorporate a black lino insert.



Kadia

The reincarnation of a classic design – with improved structure and enhanced comfort. Matching coffee tables with clear or smoked glass tops.



Monday

Deceptively simple, clean modern design combining a robust structure with visual lightness. Matching coffee tables with tops in veneer or MFC to match all Sven furniture, or in clear glass.

Design: Hilary Birkbeck



Tuesday

Distinctively substantial individual chairs 'floating' on polished chrome frames. Shown with a Monday coffee table.

Design: Hilary Birkbeck



HB1/HB12

Reception/breakout chairs offered on a four star polished aluminium swivel base, disc base, tubular legs or spyder base, plus a two seat sofa on tubular legs. All except four star base offered in a choice of polished chrome, zinc or black. Matching coffee table with top in veneer or MFC to match all Sven furniture.

Design: Hilary Birkbeck

1. **HB1A** on four star polished aluminium base
2. **HB1L** chair and **HB12L** sofa on tubular legs with **HB1C** coffee table
3. **HB1D** on disc base
4. **HB1S** on spyder base



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Skoop

Design: Hilary Birkbeck

Contemporary, cute, comfortable, on a polished chrome skid base or a four star polished aluminium swivel base.

1. **SK2U** polished chrome skid base
2. **SK1U** four star polished aluminium base



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Program V

V1

Stylish occasional chair offered on a spyder or disc base finished in zinc, black or chrome.



Program V

V2

Comfortable high back occasional chairs offered on a spyder or disc base finished in zinc, black or chrome.





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