#  PRESS RELEASE

**This year’s Stockholm****Furniture & Light Fair features a lot of wood and the most recent trends in Scandinavian design**

*This year’s Stockholm Furniture & Light Fair, the world’s leading event for Scandinavian design, will be held February 5–9.The fair’s exhibitions will feature a lot of wood and visitors will be able to listen to lectures by internationally acclaimed designers and architects. On Saturday, February 9, the fair opens to all design lovers who would like to see the most recent trends within lighting and furniture.*

Stockholm Furniture & Light Fair draws buyers, architects, designers and journalists from more than 100 countries. The fair attracts around 40,000 visitors, and more than 30% of them come from abroad. They come to browse the exhibitions of approximately 700 companies, including 300 international companies, that fill Stockholmsmässan’s 70,000 sqm. Around 80 percent of all exhibiting companies come from Scandinavia.

**For 2019:**

**Guest of Honor: Neri&Hu**

In Stockholmsmässan’s Entrance Hall, Lyndon Neri and Rossana Hu, who run the award-winning Chinese design and architecture office Neri&Hu, are creating an installation that highlights relevant social issues unique to China.

**The Design Bar – in the eye of the storm**

The Design Bar, which is a mix between an exhibition and a top-class restaurant, forms a common area together with Stockholm Design & Architecture Talks. Taking inspiration from Scandinavian atriums and Japanese aesthetics, the Norwegian design studio Anderssen & Voll is designing a structure in pine that encircles an intimate courtyard. The menu has been created by chef Frida Ronge, Culinary Director at Tak and [UNN](https://unnrestaurant.com/) in Stockholm.

**Temperament – taking the temperature of contemporary Scandinavian design and interior architecture**

With a focus on both private homes and public spaces, Temperament investigates current trends and tendencies based on the invited artist’s personal perspective and approach. This year, designer and set designer Sahara Widoff has been invited.

**NM & A new collection – an exhibition**

The exhibition depicts the process surrounding the interior design of the restaurant and the creation of 80 new interior objects, a project led by Matti Klenell, TAF Arkitekter, Carina Seth Anderssonand Stina Löfgren. The exhibition will also have on display for visitors the details and processes from Wingårdhs’ work to renovate the museum. It is the designers themselves who curated and designed the exhibition at the fair, which is produced by Stockholm Furniture & Light Fair in collaboration with Architects Sweden and the Swedish Federation of Wood and Furniture Industry.

**Stockholm Design & Architecture Talks**

The fair’s **forum for knowledge and discussions** within the area of design and architecture is visited by influential guests such as Neri&Hu, Joel Sanders, Tom Dixon, Matali Crasset, Sabine Marcelis and David Thulstrup. This year’s theme is *Challenges for the Future.* Stockholm Design & Architecture Talks are scheduled all five days of the fair. An up-to-date program is available at [www.stockholmfurniturefair.com](http://www.stockholmfurniturefair.com/).

**Greenhouse – several new products**

Greenhouse is the fair’s jury-assessed area for young and unestablished designers and design schools. In total, 37 designers/design groups and 29 design schools from 20 countries will participate. The design duo Thau & Kallio is designing Greenhouse Bar and Café and an exhibition under the direction of the Materials Library. New for this Greenhouse is the award *Best Performance – selected by the Greenhouse Jury,*which will be handed out in cooperation with Volvo Studio. The winners will be announced on February 5 on the Greenhouse stage, where minitalks will be held every day by Greenhouse exhibitors. See [www.stockholmfurniturefair.com](http://www.stockholmfurniturefair.com/) for an up-to-date program.

**Born Classic – tomorrow’s design classics**

Stockholm Furniture & Light Fair is establishing a new design award – *Born Classic* – in collaboration with the auction house Bukowskis, which will form the jury. The award will go to a new product that has qualities that could make it a design classic. The winner will be announced on Saturday, February 9, on the stage for Stockholm Design & Architecture Talks at 1:30 p.m. Bukowskis will also hold a guided tour of the nominated objects on Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

**Editors’ Choice Award**

The jury for Stockholm Furniture & Light Fair’s award - Editors’ Choice - is composed of head editors from several of the world’s most important design forums. The award has three categories: Rising Star, Best Stand and Best Product. The 2019 jury consists of Marcus Fairs,Dezeen; Costas Voyatzis, Yatzer; Dana Tomic Hughes, Yellowtrace; and Beryl Hsu, IDEAT China. The winners will be announced on the stage for Stockholm Design & Architecture Talks on Wednesday, February 6 at 2:30 p.m.

**The Pop-up Shop**

Many visitors appreciate the possibility of being able to purchase design objects at the fair. Pop Up Store is run this year by Lisa Karlsson, uMeprojects. The store is open when the fair is open.

**Opening Hours**: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The general public is also welcome on Saturday, February 9.

*For more information, please visit* [*www.stockholmfurniturefair.com*](http://www.stockholmfurniturefair.com/) *or contact:*

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