



Middleweight

Design Michael Anastassiades

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Middleweight is Michael Anastassiades’ very first upholstered piece of furniture. The piece captures the best of two worlds, the Italian super lounge sofa on one side and the compact Danish box sofa on the other. Set on a thin, open steel frame, the cushions are firmly held together by zippers and carefully mitered in the corners of the frame, resembling the sharp edges of folded paper.

“This was my first sofa design, but actually the biggest surprise didn’t come until the product was finalized – when we stood there, looking at the actual sofa, and it looked exactly like what I had in my head. It is a great satisfaction as a designer. You can’t accelerate the process of design. An idea has to come when the time is right, so you have to stretch the process as long as possible and allow for enough time to get the ideas and experiments across.”

Middleweight is a luxuriously comfortable armchair, 2-seater or 3-seater sofa and pouf.

Frame in steel with powder coat, upholstery in leather or fabric.

Armchair: H: 73 cm W: 102 cm D: 80 cm

2-seater: H: 73 cm W: 182 cm D: 80 cm

3-seater: H: 73 cm W: 272 cm D: 80 cm

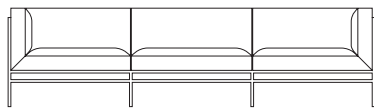
Pouf: H: 44 cm W: 92 cm D: 80 cm

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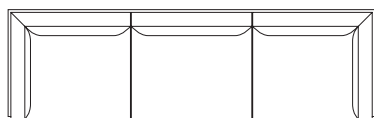
The Cypriot-born, London-based designer has built a name for himself through curious explorations and experiments. Opening with a strict no-compromise approach, and zero commercial incentive, he later created a world class brand with exclusive, high-end lighting. With a career spanning more than 20 years, Anastassiades has conceived lights, furniture and objects characterised by a poetic yet rigorous interpretation of technology, materials and functions. His practice contemplates both industrial production and artisan techniques, and in doing so, it expands into a vivid, nuanced balance between improvisation and structure, control and intuition.



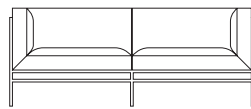
3-SEATER



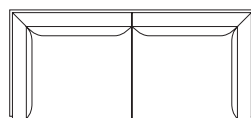
272 cm | 107"



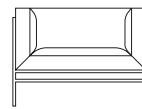
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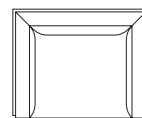
182 cm | 71 1/2"



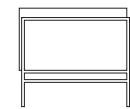
ARMCHAIR



102 cm | 40"



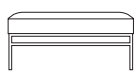
44 cm | 17 1/4"



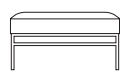
80 cm | 31 1/2"

73 cm | 28 3/4"

POUF



92 cm | 36 1/4"



80 cm | 31 1/2"

44 cm | 17 1/4"

FRAME COLOURS



Black frame



Blue frame



Khaki frame



Middleweight Combination examples



Black frame
Ortigia amande



Black frame
Ortigia cactus



Black frame
Pamir 13O086



Black frame
Pamir 13O090



Blue frame
Ortigia blu notte



Khaki frame
Ortigia amande



Founded on rebellious curiosity and a passion for the unique, Karakter is a bit out of the ordinary. Rooted in the proud Danish design tradition, but always maintaining an international outlook, Karakter presents a striking portfolio of furniture, lighting and objects from designers who have already written the history of design to those who are aspiring to write the future. All designers collaborating with Karakter are curated for their ideas and creativity and shared by all of them is an inspiring level of curiosity and an uncompromising take on their work. Boasting both the relevant and honest, the beautiful, the playful and the expressive, all designs have a clear, undeniable character. Ready to spark curiosity and start conversations.

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