

Warren Platner Collection



The Platner Collection has proven to be one of the most enduring icons of Modernist design. Warren Platner, an architect and designer who is known for his work on the Ford Foundation headquarters, the Georg Jensen Design Center and the original Windows on the World restaurant, worked in the offices of legendary designers Raymond

Loewy, I.M. Pei and Eero Saarinen before opening his own practice in 1967.

Reflecting a dramatic shift in cultural values, Modernism became more expressive in the 1960s. In Platner's own words, "I felt there was room for the kind of decorative, gentle, graceful design that appeared in a period style like Louis XV." However, Platner avoided an explicitly applied aesthetic, seeking instead to "make the structure so the ornamental details are built into it as functional elements."

With this in mind, Platner transformed steel wire into sculptural furniture, creating an elegant collection of chairs, tables and stools with a base formed out of hundreds of vertical steel rods. Polished nickel and bronze finishes offer the ultimate in timeless design. "A classic is something you look at often and always accept as it is," explained Platner. "You can see no way of improving it." With unity, ingenuity and attention to detail in both form and fabrication, the Platner Collection was introduced by Knoll in 1966 and has been in continuous production ever since.

The Platner Collection reflects the KnollStudio® commitment to timeless, enduring design, continuing the Knoll legacy of producing furniture to the exacting standards of the designer and affirming our unwavering belief in the power and utility of modern design.









For lounging, dining or gathering, Warren Platner's sculptural collection signals the essence of modern design.



Tables, Lounge and Arm Chairs in Polished Nickel finish. Lounge Chair in Extreme Velvet, Sahara; Arm Chairs in Knoll Velvet, Palomino, and Spinneybeck® Maremma leather, Medici. Side Table with Light Walnut top; Coffee Table with Light Oak top.

All Platner Tables are available with clear or bronze glass, veneer or marble tops. Side Tables, above, with Polished Nickel finish and tops in Light Walnut, Pearwood, Light Oak, Arabescato Marble and Ebonized Walnut. Overleaf, Platner Dining Table with Clear Glass top and Arm Chairs in Techno Tweed, Quicksilver, with Polished Nickel finish.









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