

## Press release

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### **A new dimension in conferencing The new Travis table range (design: wiege)**

**With numerous innovations, Wilkhahn has established itself internationally as a key impetus-giver for furnishing first-class conference interiors: with the Travis table system, the company now offers a convincing concept that combines aesthetic calibre and perfection in terms of quality with customized solutions.**



*The 360 cm conference table to accommodate ten to twelve requires just two pedestal legs. Combined with graceful and transparent swivel chairs from the Aline range, the result is a light and loose ambience. Copyright: Wilkhahn*



*Not only as a configuration, but also as a free-standing table, Travis cuts a splendid figure. The elegantly finished tops, measuring up to 280 x 120 cm, are a sure mark of prestige. Copyright: Wilkhahn*

**Bad Mnder.** Growing specialization and complexity require more and more cooperation and agreement. The frequency of meetings and conferences and the time they require is increasing accordingly. Conference areas in particular are therefore being given top priority when it comes to planning and specifying furniture and equipment:

The way in which they are furnished should bring people together, strengthen their common interests and promote decision processes. In addition, it should serve to convey the values and approach of the company and to open up the multimedia virtual world in view of globalization and worldwide networking.

### **One system fits all**

As these tasks require highly individual solutions depending on the company, room dimensions and media technology, Wilkhahn has collaborated with the wiege design studio to develop the new Travis table range that combines significant advantages:

- Derived from the Italian word "trave" (beam), the name characterizes the advantage of table configurations permitting a span of up to three metres with just a few table legs. This creates a calm atmosphere, allows flexibility in terms of the number of seats and facilitates floor cleaning.
- The modular frame is an articulating structure comprising pedestal supports, beams and table top bearers, thus providing perfectly coordinated frame geometry for virtually any form and format: for a configuration that is solid or open-centred, circular, oval, boat-shaped or faceted.
- Retractable cable channels in aluminium profile are



*Maximum legroom, tailored adaptation and perfect integration of technology – Travis combines aesthetic calibre and perfection in terms of quality with customized solutions. Copyright: Wilkhahn*

fitted with integrated, individually specifiable connectivity modules. State-of-the-art media technology can thus be integrated in a way that is functionally and aesthetically perfect.

Michael Englisch, Head Designer at the wiege design studio, puts the qualities of the new table range into a nutshell: "Travis may be compared with an elegant bridge construction that can span vast distances with just a few supports. Table configurations appear to have floating surfaces due to the minimal understructure thus creating a high degree of aesthetic excellence. All requirements in terms of statics, technology and function are integrated into one system without being permanently visible."

### **From a specified model to a customized system**

The Travis range offers a host of pre-specified model variations that provide a solution to many requirements. Completely individual solutions are also possible as the modular frame structure is both simple and intelligent:

- Two pedestal supports are linked via a beam in extruded aluminium profile with a high-precision finish over a maximum length of three metres, using either an end closure or a pivoting mechanism which accepts the next beam at a specifiable angle (within a range of 90° - 180°). This system allows the pedestal supports and beams to be linked to create limitless configurations.

- Positionable table top bearers in die-cast aluminium slide into the mounting grooves on both sides of the beams as required and secured in the required position. A unique leveller device at the end of the bearer onto which the table tops are located not only gives the table top segments their "floating" character, but it also guarantees simple and precise positioning to give even complex configurations a coherent appearance.



*Tidy and technically perfect: the hinged table portals with integrated connectivity modules and concealed cable management in the pedestal supports. For technology under visual control. Copyright: Wilkhahn*

### **Fast and simple: integration of technology**

Media technology has become an indispensable part of modern conference spaces. However, the way in which they are used invariably becomes a source of aggravation rather than of support: tedious cable installations and time and effort required for subsequent changes are a considerable cost factor. Cable clutter and network adapters on tables create a chaotic impression, inconvenient switching between

sources of connectivity or even insufficient connections impair human interplay. From the very outset, Travis was therefore developed as a table system that allows perfect, user-friendly and coherent integration of modern technology. The system provides vertically and horizontally integrated cable channels, as well as mounting grooves to accept connectivity modules. Besides, larger pieces of technical equipment, such as retractable monitors or projection systems may also be integrated.

## **Conferencing of the highest degree**

Regardless as to which size and version is desired – Travis is the ideal range for top-class customized conference table configurations in terms of aesthetics and function. It opens up new dimensions in human interplay and is a bridge between the table and technology, prestige and communication.

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