

Press release

ARCHITECTS' SEATS From Horta to Kaisin

**Exhibition from 9 to 30 September 2007
organised by the Archives d'Architecture Moderne
at the Fondation pour l'Architecture in Brussels
for Design September 2007**

During the event of Design September 2007, taking place in Brussels, the Archives of Modern Architecture have chosen to exhibit about thirteen chairs of its collection. From Victor Horta to Maarten Van Severen, the presented selection allows the visitor to engage with a few significant examples of the evolution of styles from Modern Art to the 90's.

The 20th Century's turning point is illustrated with seats conceptualized by two pillars of Modern Art: the architects Victor Horta and Paul Hankar.

To illustrate modernism and its multifaceted aspects, seats designed by the architects Victor Bourgeois, Louis-Herman De Koninck and Huib Hoste which count among the major representatives of the movement in Belgium and the furniture creators as Marcel-Louis Baugniet and Maurice Gaspard, are exhibited.

In the aftermath of the war, Antoine Pompe conceived a deckchair, showing his interest for rational furniture and the craft industry, whereas Arne Jacobsen and Willy Van der Meeren excelled in the 1950's aesthetic.

The "Team Zoo" chair, named after the Japanese architecture studio, belongs to the organic design and architecture movement, whereas the Maarten Van Severen chair, with its pure lines and sober design, refers to the dematerialised aesthetic of the 90's. On the edge between seat and sculpture, with a playful touch, the "Hairy Chair" of Charles Kaisin is made of recycled material.

As a complement to thirteen chairs on show in the small-sized exhibition, a series of 15 drawings of architect's projects, realised or not, by Baugniet, De Koninck, Lucien François and Antoine Pompe are exhibited.

Photographs of the exhibition are available on simple request.

INFO

Exhibition

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Dates and opening times

Exhibition from 9th to 30th September 2007
From Tuesday to Sunday from 10.30 till 6pm
Closed on Monday
Free entrance

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