



PRESS RELEASE

The shower of accolades for Bene continues – Bene wins the iF DESIGN AWARD

Waidhofen an der Ybbs, 13 March 2017: **Bene has recently been honoured with this year's iF DESIGN AWARD, and can now be counted among the prize winners of this renowned design label. The prize was awarded for the upholstery line SETTLE, released in early 2016. Having won more than 130 awards in recent years, the international office furniture specialists continue to impress year after year with their flair for design and innovation. The iF DESIGN AWARD is presented annually by the Hannover-based iF International Forum Design GmbH, Germany's oldest independent design institution.**

Following numerous awards in 2016, such as the Identity Design Award 2016, the ICONIC Award 2017, the 2A Asia Architecture Award 2016, and the German Design Award 2017, the shower of accolades shows no sign of stopping in 2017.

And the office furniture specialists have now been honoured with the internationally renowned iF DESIGN AWARD. Bene won over a jury of 58 independent international experts with its innovative upholstery line SETTLE, thereby bringing this coveted hallmark of excellence to Austria. The competition was tough. The judges had to choose between 5,575 entries from 59 different countries.

With **SETTLE**, Bene has created a sleek and versatile range of upholstered furniture in the distinctive design language of PearsonLloyd. SETTLE creates an anchor for communication in the office environment and inspires new solutions. Soft shapes and high-quality materials bring a cosy and inviting atmosphere into the office, and encourage team discussion. SETTLE is suitable for both communal spaces and more exclusive areas.

The iF DESIGN AWARD 2017 is only the most recent in a long line of awards that Bene has received. The full list of design prizes awarded to Bene is much longer. Bene has won over 130 awards in recent years, underlining its impressive flair for design and innovation, and demonstrating the international office furniture specialist to be one of the most-awarded companies in the industry.

The **iF DESIGN AWARD** has been an internationally recognised trademark for outstanding design for over 60 years. The iF brand is established internationally as a symbol for outstanding design performance. The iF DESIGN AWARD is one of the most important design prizes in the world. It recognises design achievements in all disciplines: product design, packaging design, communication design, service design, architecture, interior design, and professional concepts.

About Bene

The international office expert is a specialist in the design and furnishing of office and working environments. Bene defines the office as a living space, and its concepts, products, and services turn this philosophy into a reality. The Bene Group is a globally active company with its head office and production facilities in Waidhofen an der Ybbs, Austria. Development, design, and production, along with consulting and sales, are thereby united under one Austrian roof. As a significant market player in Europe, Bene stands for innovative concepts, inspiring offices and high-quality design. Bene develops and produces customised solutions for all company sizes – from one-person companies to SMEs and global corporations.

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