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MENU's new Rail Desk, imagined by Japanese designer Keiji Ashizawa, explores the way in which we use space and how design elements can be adapted to serve different functions.

Looking to the world of architecture, the neat, precision-made piece conveys a sense of serene practicality. With multiple functions – as a desk, counter or shelf to store books, hung at any height you choose – it lends itself to almost any setting and fits neatly into living areas as well as bedrooms where space is at a premium. The minimalist steel bracket attaches to a wall and takes its cues from the handrail of a staircase. The wooden platform, available in natural or stained oak, provides a tactile contrast to the precision metalwork.

“Neat. Serene. Practical. This small desk has multiple functions; as a little library or workspace, or as additional counter space. The beautiful design fits into any space, and the combinational of tactile wood and lightweight steel create an expression of minimal beauty.” – Keiji Ashizawa

About the Designer

Keiji Ashizawa has won multiple accolades for his forward-thinking architecture and product design. The Tokyo-based creative's countryside upbringing in the Yamanashi prefecture southwest of Tokyo continues to influence his work, which fuses modernity with tradition and an inherent love of natural materials. A graduate of Yokohama University School of Architecture, Ashizawa spent the first ten years of his career working as an architect and steel fabricator. Today, he is an architect of both buildings and products, creating pared-back designs that are simple, yet thoughtful and maximise the potential of each material and its function.



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PRODUCT TYPE
Wall table

ENVIRONMENT
Indoor

DIMENSIONS
H: 21,2 cm / 8,3"
W: 92 cm / 36,2"
D: 45 cm / 17,7"

COLOUR

Tabletop
Natural oak
Dark stained oak

Frame
Black (RAL 9005)

MATERIALS
Oak veneer, MDF, steel



Connected Spaces

For more than forty years, MENU has curated strong and lasting relations between designers, manufacturers and customers to create furniture, lighting and interior accessories shaped by purposeful details, high-quality materials and human needs. Designed to withstand the test of time and profiling a modern, understated beauty, pieces are touched by a soft minimalism, pared back to reveal the very essence of each design. By creating interior objects that invite human connection, inspiration and experimentation, we push the boundaries of modern design. We've created The Audo to reflect our philosophy: the hybrid space serves as our creative showroom and headquarters, as well as a residence that connects likeminded individuals through meaningful and creative environments showcased in unconventional ways. Culminating in a concept we call *Connected Spaces*, our designs join the dots between home, work and hospitality to redefine how we use space and, ultimately, how we connect to those around us.



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MENU at The Audo



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