



PRESS RELEASE

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Sculptural, functional and tactile, the Eclipse Desk is an exploration and celebration of materials and form. Designed for MENU by Fred Rigby Studio, the asymmetrical piece originated as a hand-drawn line that looked to the shape of pebbles for its design cues. Crafted from solid, dark-oiled oak polished to a high shine finish, the sweeping tabletop has intriguing convex and concave edges. It rests on a gently curved leg and a steel column, the latter of which cleverly conceals a storage bucket under its integrated wooden lid, ensuring a clutter free surface that underpins the streamlined beauty of the organic design. Imagined as both a standalone centrepiece in the middle of a room or for placement up against a wall as a more conventional piece of furniture, the intriguing form of the Eclipse Desk draws the eye and invites to touch while offering a sense of calmness that lends itself to productivity.

*“I found inspiration for the piece by looking to the shapes and forms of pebbles I collected on a beach. I wanted to create a design that wasn’t static, and one which was bold in colour yet tactile in form.”*

*I want people to feel inspired when they sit at it. To lean back and touch the curved edge; to find a calmness within to focus on work.”*  
- Fred Rigby

## ABOUT THE DESIGNER

Fred Rigby grew up in Dorset, between the rolling hills of the English countryside and the limestone headlands that continue to inspire his work as a designer. Since graduating from London’s Kingston University with a degree in product and furniture design, he has worked with a range of designers and artists, developing a knowledge of processes including fibreglass casting and CNC technologies while perfecting his own craft from his eponymous studio in London. He was recently named one of ten British designers to know right now by ELLE Decoration. Fred Rigby Studio has designed The Eclipse Desk for MENU.

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**PRODUCT TYPE**  
Desk

**ENVIRONMENT**  
Indoor

**DIMENSIONS**  
H: 75 cm / 29,5"  
W: 160 cm / 6"  
D: 80 cm / 31,5"

**COLOUR**

**Tabletop**  
Dark oiled oak

**Steel leg**  
Black RAL 9005

**MATERIALS**  
Solid oak, powder coated steel and PA glides.



## A Sense of Community

MENU has always been fascinated by the way in which individuals and spaces can be united through great design. In our pursuit to craft furniture, lighting and interior accessories shaped by purposeful details, high-quality materials and human needs, we create strong and lasting relations between designers, manufacturers and customers. The sense of community that results from this union of like-minded individuals fosters a deeper sense of belonging – and products that stand the test of time, inviting human connection, inspiration and experimentation to push the boundaries of modern design. We truly believe that when we work collectively, we achieve more than we do individually: the sum of our work and of our connections is always greater than its parts, and our softly minimal designs and collaborative spirit help to join the dots between the home, the workplace and the service industry, redefining how we use space and, ultimately, how we connect to those around us.



## MENU at The Audo



MENU's showroom is located at The Audo, a unique concept that masterfully unites co-working and event facilities, a café, restaurant and retail area, as well as an exclusive residence in a single, community-building universe. The Audo features an inspiring mix of original features and thoughtful new accompaniments from an eclectic mix of premium brands – not least MENU's comprehensive range of furniture, lighting and accessories which are put to their truest test together with a curated selection of products from global brands. Abbreviated from the *Latin Ab Uno Disce Omnes*, meaning *from one, learn all*, The Audo reflects MENU's founding philosophy of collaborative spirit. Redefining how we use design, space and, ultimately, how we connect to one another, this creative destination is a hub for powerful ideas, beautiful design and inspiration.