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Nienkämper previews Metronome™ Table Collection at NeoCon

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and a clean modern design aesthetic.

CHICAGO, June 13, 2011 – Nienkämper announced today the preview of Metronome™ Table Collection at NeoCon 2011, June 13-14, at The Merchandise Mart in Chicago. Metronome™ is a collection of tables built on a structural system that is sculptural, stable, and capable of a broad range of application requirements and finishes. Metronome™ is ideally suited for a graceful transition from open plan workstations to private offices to collaborative areas. “From small meeting tables and individual desks to flip top training tables through to large scale boardroom tables and benching. Metronome™ is a systems driven table collection that easily responds to any working environment.” said Lee Fletcher, Design Principal, figforty. “The frame is inspired by the sculptural results of natural structural forms often found in large buildings, where form is defined by requirements of mass and gravity combining to create balanced and beautiful structures.” This approach gives the table it's visual and structural character. The creation of intelligent connectors linking tubes achieves this end in a very efficient way. Aluminum is the only material used in the frame ensuring a high degree of recycled content, and a complete opportunity for full recyclability for all elements. Metronome™ includes multiple table options that also integrates flexible power, data and video connectivity. Table tops are available in wood veneer, laminate or glass, and the table legs are clear anodized aluminum with polished aluminum details at the top and bottom. Innovative elements and materials impart a lighter scale and a clean modern design aesthetic.

The name Metronome™ comes from the idea of keeping time, keeping pace with what's going on in the working environment. Whether it is meeting and boardroom tables, small meeting tables and partners desks, or storable training tables, the system shares components at every level allowing not only the creation of these varied applications but also a very high degree of reconfigurability allowing an organization to move and evolve without rendering the furniture obsolete.

In keeping with the principle of sustainability, Nienkämper is committed to promoting the use of responsible materials and sustainable design. Metronome™ is manufactured using clean technologies, including VOC-free wood finishes and recycled-content materials, and available with FCS (Forest Stewardship Council) certified wood, Metronome™ can contribute to LEED® certification.

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About figforty

figforty is a Toronto based industrial design group passionate about the creation of physical objects. That passion is made real through the 'things' that surround us, the experiences they create, and how they are designed and made. Lee Fletcher and Terence Woodside created figforty combining 15 years of award winning industrial design and engineering to create a team equipped to take any product from concept through to full production. A transparent and collaborative approach to product development blurs the boundary between design and engineering, creating compelling, responsible and thoroughly designed objects. www.fig40.com

Established in 1968, Nienkämper is an internationally recognized designer and manufacturer of fine office furniture. Recognized as one of the 50 Best Managed Companies in Canada each year since 2009, Nienkämper is committed to being at the forefront of innovation; collaborating with forward-thinking designers; and pushing the boundaries of technology. Excellence from design to delivery. Please visit www.nienkamper.com

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