

Vitra updates the Eames collection

In September 2025, Vitra will present a comprehensive update to the Eames collection: several iconic products by Charles and Ray Eames have been revisited. The updates include more sustainable materials, new surface finishes and a range of authentic colours.

The American designer couple Charles and Ray Eames searched for solutions to old and new problems in everything they did: they experimented with innovative structures, materials, forms and methods. They introduced groundbreaking ideas time and again, driven by a strong desire to unite design and functionality. Yet Charles and Ray never saw their work as complete. With every new development or relevant insight, they seized the opportunity to refine and evolve their creations even further.

At Vitra, the sourcing, processing and use of materials in products account for around 60%* of the carbon footprint. The Swiss furniture manufacturer is committed to utilising materials that are as sustainable and low impact as possible, such as the world's first economically recyclable polyurethane foam, called V-Foam. This commitment has also led Vitra to revise the concept for certain Eames designs made of wood. The company is increasing the use European-sourced timber in its product portfolio and adding new varieties grown in Europe: cherry, chestnut and walnut. These new options complement the existing European woods in the collection, such as oak and ash, and bring a fresh natural aesthetic to these established classics. In addition, the surface finishes have also been modified to incorporate more sustainable methods.

The first products to be adapted in line with this concept are the Stools, the Occasional Table LTR, the Eames Elephant (plywood), the Eames House Bird, the Eames House Whale and the Lounge Chair – with Bolivian Santos Palisander still offered for the latter due to its historical significance. To provide lighter accents alongside the existing darker woods, Vitra is also adding chestnut for the Lounge Chair, the Stools and the LTR.

The colours of the Eames collection have also been revised, drawing from the original neutral and multi-hued Eames palettes to create a range that is both authentic and contemporary. The Aluminium and Soft Pad Group chairs, the LTR, the Elliptical Table ETR, the 'Hang it all' coat hooks, the Eames Elephant and the Plywood Mobiles are now offered in new colour variations and combinations. Furthermore, the La Fonda base is now available for the entire Eames Shell Chair collection, and a new removable Outdoor Bikini pad has been introduced for the Wire Chairs.

More information on the Eames collection 2025 and Vitra's environmental mission can be found at www.vitra.com.

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