

STUDIO COHAKU

Design studio working across product, space, and material experimentation.

We design conditions by reading the relationships between materials, techniques, and processes,
allowing form and function to emerge as a natural consequence.

Rather than pursuing novelty, we focus on whether outcomes are fundamentally coherent—considering material properties,
fabrication, use, and their relationship to environment and society. We define this approach as aesthetic rationality.

Working across product and spatial design, we translate insights from experimentation into designs for real-world implementation.





No.7000
for HAMAMOTO co.,ltd / 2024

A chair developed by organizing its structure based on material properties and the client' s manufacturing process, ensuring its viability as an industrial product. Defined by a continuous form flowing from backrest to arm, it is available in full-arm and semi-arm variations, achieving both lightness and strength within a simple composition. Its rational structure, informed by fabrication and durability, enables both mass production and a refined presence in space.



Timeless
for 100% Inc. / 2025



knot chair
for Normann Copenhagen / 2014



UM Fire pit
for UM / 2024

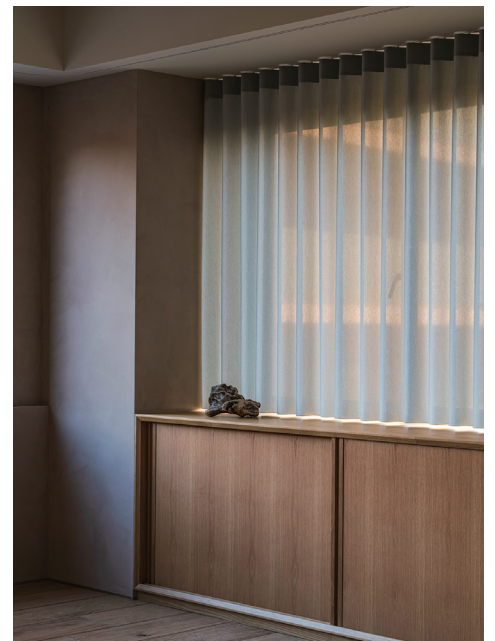


Experimental Creations 16
for Experimental Creations / 2016

An exhibition design that establishes a structure allowing a large display platform to appear lightly suspended, based on the properties of materials and techniques. Rather than presenting individual products, it frames the relationships between composition, placement, and scale, allowing material qualities and processes to emerge as a spatial experience. By organizing structure and space within given constraints, it creates an exhibition where concept and physical form are seamlessly integrated.



Orgatec Tokyo
for QUON / 2024



Arigato Living
for Casokudo / 2023



Burning Metal project

Self work / Material Experiment

An experimental study focusing on color changes caused by heat applied to metal, exploring the inherent chromatic potential of the material itself.

By controlling the thickness of the oxide layer on titanium alloy, it produces gradients and shifts of light without coating, allowing form and expression to emerge through material properties and phenomena.

These explorations form a foundation for connecting material, process, and function without separation, extending into product and spatial design.



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STUDIO COHAKU is a Tokyo-based design studio founded in 2015 by Kunikazu Hamanishi and Tatsuo Kuroda.

Focusing on interior and product design, the studio engages directly with materials and techniques, translating insights gained through prototyping and experimentation into real-world projects.

Rather than separating research from implementation, it develops work across various fields through an ongoing process of evaluation and design.

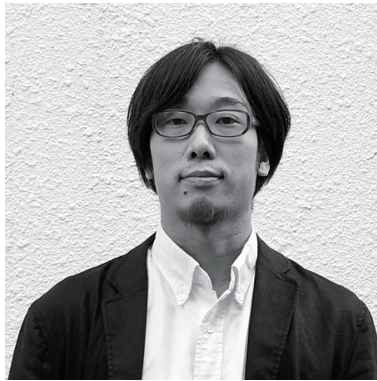
Founder / Designer



Kunikazu Hamanishi

Born in Kanagawa, Japan, graduated from Tama Art University, and worked in interior design for about 7 years at Tanseisha Co. He studied furniture design in Denmark and established Hamanishi DESIGN in 2015. Exhibited at domestic and international exhibitions such as Milano Salone in Italy and Stockholm Furniture Fair, etc.

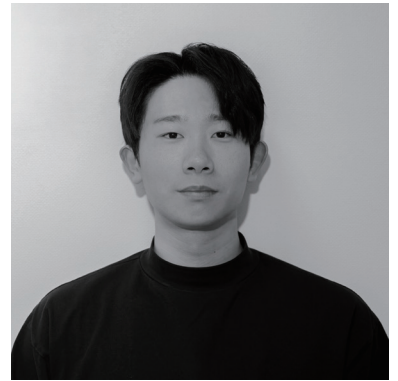
Co-founder / Designer



Tatsuo Kuroda

Born in Hokkaido, Japan, graduated from Tama Art University and received a master's degree in sustainable design from DESIGN ACADEMY EINDHOVEN in the Netherlands. After that, he established his own studio and has been working as a product designer, focusing on furniture design. Released "knot chair" from Normann Copenhagen, Denmark.

Designer



Kim Heeyoung

Born in Busan, Republic of Korea. Engaged in various projects as an artist in Korea, then captivated by Japan's craftsmanship culture, enrolled in the Product Design Department at Nihon Engineering College. During studies, gained internship experience at toy manufacturers and related companies. After graduation, joined STUDIO COHAKU in 2023.

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