

Information about new pieces for the Maruni Collection 2013



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This year, the Maruni Collection marks its 6th year since it was announced in 2008.

From the “Hiroshima”, designed by Naoto Fukasawa, we have added a beautiful wooden folding chair with silky surface, as well as a solid wood dining table, the “Malta”. This table goes well with any chair from the Maruni Collection and has a simple and warm design.

We also added a comfortable, relaxing armchair from the “Lightwood”, designed by Jasper Morrison. It uses a matt white color that has an impressive, subtle nuance.

For fabric, we have added a new pale blue color to the vivid and rich “SAGA”, and we are adding 4 colors that produce great color on smooth leather while keeping the nature leather texture.

Also, we are announcing two new projects for 2013: the “Asian Bench”, bench and stool designed by Naoto Fukasawa that fits in well with your everyday life, and the “Botan”, a bench designed by Jasper Morrison that can be enjoyed outdoors.

Maruni Wood Industry, having our 85th anniversary this year, will have its first independent booth at Rho Fiera Milano.

/// Maruni Collection 2013 Jasper Morrison, Naoto Fukasawa ///

Date: April 9 (Tue.) - April 14 (Sun.), 2013

Location: Rho Fiera **HALL 10 STAND C12**

Press Reception: April 9 (Tue.), 2013 1:00pm-3:00pm

* Please contact Maruni beforehand if you would like to take photographs or conduct an interview with both designers during the press reception as time is extremely limited.

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< Hiroshima folding chair Concept / Comment >

“Why not add a folding chair to the Hiroshima series? A chair that creates a perfect image when it’s placed against the wall,” the designer thought. A folding chair with a beautiful wood surface is a rare find, and is sure to attract furniture lovers.



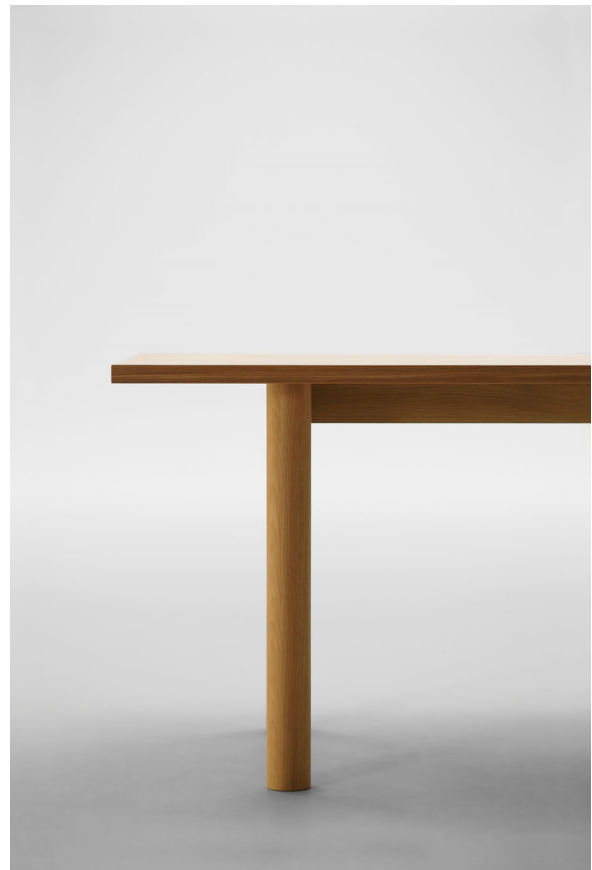
< Lightwood Armchair Concept / Comment >

The latest addition to the Lightwood family is the armchair, a project which has taken some time to find its form. The idea was to integrate the armrest to the existing chair, with some adjustments to the width, using similar structural elements and jointing techniques.



< Malta Concept / Comment >

A table with a pure simplicity about it, it is made of oil-coated solid oak. The thick, round pillar legs give it a stable feel. The table will become more charming as time passes and goes perfectly with any type of chairs.



< Asian Bench Concept / Comment >

The basic structure of the bench with its combination of square logs and plates enables it to also work as a display table or a shelf. The deep brown color, characteristic of traditional Asian furniture, will deepen over time. The designer aimed to create a standard but rare architectural model that in Asian style but also fits with Western style.



< Botan Concept / Comment >

When we hear or read the word bench a vague image of a heavy wooden construction comes to mind. Many design projects begin with this soft-focus thought of the object in question and occasionally designers try to capture the essence of that image in an attempt to summarise the subject of the project once and for all, in concrete terms. The Botan bench was designed like that, as a simple bench for the terrace of my office where it has been for the past 5 years, until recently I thought of proposing it to Maruni. It's not an obvious product for the catalogue of a modern furniture company but I am hopeful there may be a need for it among architects designing public spaces.



Hiroshima Folding Chair

- Material : Beech / Oak Urethane finish

*Accepting orders from July 1st (Mon.), 2013

Lightwood Arm Chair

- Material : Birch / Oak Urethane finish

*Accepting orders from July 1st (Mon.), 2013

Malta Table

- Material : Oak Urethane finish, Oil finish / Walnut Urethane finish

*Accepting orders from April 9th (Tue.), 2013

※You can choose from W180~240 (cm), D90 or 105 (cm), and H70 or 72 (cm).

Asian Bench

- Material : Oak Urethane finish, Oil finish

*Planned to go on sale in fall of 2013

※You can choose from W30, 165, or 240 (cm).

Botan Bench

- Material : Cedar Urethane finish, Oil finish / Pine Unpainted

*Planned to go on sale in fall of 2013

※You can choose from W122 or 210 (cm).

※Cedar is for use indoors, and pine is for use outdoors.

※Please visit our homepage below for details. (Update planned for April 9th (Tue.), 2013)

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