

The Designer Behind the ICON 40 Chair: Gavin Duignan – Crafting Innovation, Comfort, and Legacy

The ICON 40 Chair, designed by the accomplished Gavin Duignan—an influential figure in the world of contemporary furniture designs whose work is defined by quality craftsmanship, thoughtful innovation, and a legacy of excellence.

Gavin Duignan: A Legacy of Craftsmanship and Innovation

Gavin's journey in furniture design began with a deep-rooted passion for craftsmanship, nurtured from an early age in his family's business, ICS Furniture. Having studied Furniture Design at Brunel College in London, Gavin took the reins of ICS over 25 years ago, guiding the company through a period of growth and diversification. Under his leadership, ICS has remained at the heart of the furniture industry, adapting to the changing needs of its expanding client base, from liturgical and public spaces to educational and corporate environments.

The ICON 40 Chair: Where Design Meets Functionality

Designed with both aesthetics and performance in mind, the ICON 40 Chair represents a bold step forward in versatile, user-focused design. After two years of research, prototyping, and testing, the ICON 40 was selected as a finalist for the prestigious *Irish Design Institute Awards in 2018*, chosen from over 350 entries. This recognition highlights not only its design excellence but also its ability to blend form and function seamlessly.

"Being named a finalist for the Irish Design Institute Awards was a huge honour for our team," says Gavin Duignan. "The ICON 40 is the culmination of years of hard work, ensuring that the chair meets the needs of modern spaces while delivering on comfort, style, and durability."

Designed with Purpose: The ICON 40 Chair

The ICON 40 was created to be as adaptable as the spaces it inhabits. With features like flexible linking options and custom wood finishes, it's designed to complement a wide range of environments—from contemporary conference rooms to timeless interior settings. Every detail of the chair, from its clean lines to its ergonomic design, was meticulously crafted with the end user in mind.

"Furniture design has always been a natural part of my life," Gavin reflects. "Growing up with ICS, I learned early on the importance of creating designs that are not only functional but also meaningful in the spaces they fill."

A Personal Touch in Every Piece

When you choose ICS, you're not just purchasing furniture; you're partnering with a team that truly cares about the success of your project. The ICON 40 is a reflection of this commitment—an enduring design that brings people together, enhances functionality, and elevates any space."

Visit ICS Furniture at Clerkenwell Design Week to discover the ICON 40 Chair firsthand, meet the designer behind the creation, and explore the future of contemporary seating.