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Thonet, minimum and Mark Braun on the winner's podium: trestle m01 receives a German Design Award 2016 Design: Mark Braun, 2014

The tubular steel trestle m01 by Mark Braun, which has been produced for Thonet's specialist trade partner minimum in Berlin since 2014 under the "Manufactured by Thonet" label, has won a German Design Award 2016. The design uses the geometry of a bicycle frame as an analogy and allows the height of this table stand to be easily adjusted from 72 to 85 cm. This feature allows its flexible use for interior design purposes and meets with individual height requirements in offices or home offices. Here, design meets functionality – reason enough for the German Design Council to bestow a German Design Award 2016 on this trestle. The m01 has also been available in the Thonet Online Shop since the beginning of 2016.



The jury statement: "There are many table stands, the *Thonet m01* being one of the few that is height-adjustable. But even in form this furniture is fun, because in an ironic way it quotes the concept of a classic bicycle frame with handle and saddle bars. Just like for a bike, both can simply be pulled out and adjusted to the desired height with a quick-release lever. A beautiful, consistently implemented idea that despite its figurative impression is extremely functional."

Thonet is supporting this exclusive furniture project with its exceptional materials expertise and longstanding experience in the processing of tubular steel. Thonet Managing Director Thorsten Muck says, "We are delighted that this collaboration resulted in a German Design Award winner. This serves as the perfect incentive to continue the 'Manufactured by Thonet' series in the future. For us, collaborations like this are an opportunity to get to know and reach new target groups."

The trestle m01 is suitable for tabletops with dimensions starting from 160 x 90 cm and are available in black or white lacquered tubular steel through both minimum in Berlin and the Thonet Online Shop. The handle bar swivels to enable space-saving shipping in a flat package (the tabletop is not included in the delivery). The dimensions of each trestle are W 72 x D 40 x H 72-85 cm.

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Thonet – future-oriented furniture design with a long tradition

The unique success story of Thonet began with the work of master carpenter Michael Thonet. Since establishing his first workshop in Boppard on the River Rhine in 1819, the name Thonet has stood for high-quality, innovative and elegant furniture. The breakthrough came with the iconic chair No. 14, the so-called Vienna Coffee House Chair: the pioneering technique of bending solid beech wood for the first time enabled the mass production of chairs. The second milestone in design history was the tubular steel furniture by the famous Bauhaus architects Mart Stam, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe and Marcel Breuer in the 1930s. At the time, Thonet was the world's largest producer of these tubular steel furniture designs, which are considered timeless today.

For the company today, the continuous process of innovation stands in the foreground alongside a focus on tradition and fine craftsmanship. Thonet collaborates with renowned national and international designers – in addition, some of the furniture is designed by the in-house Thonet Design Team. All of the furniture is produced in the company-owned manufacturing facility, and, following the motto "Individuality is our standard", custom-tailored solutions are part of everyday life in Frankenberg. Thorsten Muck is the Managing Director of Thonet GmbH at the corporate head offices and production site Frankenberg/Eder (Germany). The descendants of Michael Thonet, the fifth and sixth generations, are actively involved with the company's business as partners and sales managers.