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## PRESS RELEASE: The new Nagare sofa collection inspires flow in the workplace



Leading Japanese office furniture manufacturer Okamura introduces a new collection of furniture, designed in collaboration with product design studio Rainlight.

Nagare, which means ‘flow’ in Japanese, responds to the way we work today. The range of seating and tables, inspired by nature, brings a gentle sense of movement and creates a quiet haven in the workplace.

The collection consists of two distinct families – Lounge and Platform – with each element possessing a sculptural quality that makes a bold aesthetic statement, while also being highly functional. The furniture has also been carefully designed to help people work more effectively whenever and wherever work might happen.

Lounge is intended as a statement piece and takes its cue from rock formations, almost looking as though it might have been hewn from the earth. This visually bold product features a power socket and USB ports and is ideal for reception spaces and client lounge areas, where visitors can plug in and recharge with ease.

Meanwhile, Platform has a lighter, more ethereal aesthetic that allows users to perch on its horizontal plane and perform any number of tasks. It is designed to facilitate informal ways of working in the shared areas of the office – such as active receptions and touch down points, break-out spaces, cafes, and co-working environments – to support creative thinking. Available with or without a back, it encourages collaborative activities and impromptu meetings, as well as allowing solo workers the opportunity to spread out and have space to think.

Yorgo Lykouria, Creative Director at Rainlight says:

“The idea behind Nagare is to create pieces of furniture and accessories that cater for two key requirements – to provide the opportunity for mindfulness and introspection but also to allow meetings to take place spontaneously. The composition appeals to the heart and mind as we blur and merge the boundaries between work and life. I believe its sculptural quality will make a real statement in any environment.”

Susan Grossinger, Director at Rainlight said:

“Okamura’s engineering capabilities, attention to detail and desire to achieve Rainlight’s original product concept allowed the design to come to life and realized our highest hopes for the collection.”

Nagare is available with a number of accessories, including an ottoman, occasional table, personal table, and cushions. It also comes in a huge variety of upholstery finishes.

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About Okamura Corporation

For over 70 years, Okamura has been Japan’s leading office furniture manufacturer and a benchmark for the industry. Okamura is recognized for its high-quality products that have achieved the design and engineering excellence. Okamura products are now distributed to over 60 countries. For more information on Okamura products, please visit one of our many showrooms or website at [www.okamura.com](http://www.okamura.com).

About Rainlight

Rainlight is a product design studio located in London and Los Angeles, with client collaborations across North America, Europe, and Asia. More than a design practice, it discovers the needs of a changing world through cross-cultural research within its own network of experts in various market sectors. Part-laboratory, part-workshop, part-studio, Rainlight combines inspired design thinking with business acumen to create products that enhance how people live, work, and play in the real world.