



# New American Modernism Design for a Sustainable Culture

Stemming from a belief in the simple beauty and emotive power of everyday objects, Kalon seeks to deepen our relationship and reverence for the things we live with. Kalon's work maintains a strong point of view informed by American furniture traditions and modernist design, with a focus on elemental forms, natural materials, and versatility. The studio prides itself on its intense attention to materiality, which is at the core of each of their designs, as is an obsession with integrity. With a commitment to ecologically-conscious, regional production, Kalon partners with small teams of highly skilled, fairly paid craftspeople and uses timber sourced from sustainably managed forests and the highest quality natural finishes and materials. By balancing traditional craft modalities with high-tech precision manufacturing and modern forms, Kalon invites a new chapter of contemporary, sustainable design.

Kalon was founded in 2007 by Michaele Simmering and Johannes Pauwen and is currently based out of Los Angeles, California.







#### **Our Collections**

Every Kalon collection has sprung from our own lives — they are the pieces we need, desire, and love. Elevated nursery designs that refuse to compromise, spacious dining tables that extend to seat those we love, living room staples that invite conversation: Our collections reflect the ways we live... and hope to live.

The materials we work with are carefully selected for their unique qualities as well as their ability to grow more beautiful with use and age. We believe sustainability also has to do with how long we love a piece — how many lives it lives. We design with flexibility of use, durability, and timeless appeal in mind so that our work may effortlessly adapt to our customers' changing needs and tastes over the course of a lifetime.



# Highland Collection

A nod to the rugged California landscape.

Proportions evoking substance and permanence.

An embrace of organic imperfection rendered in smooth White Oak.

Standard species: White Oak
Finishes: Kalon Bare Finish
Standard Fabrics: Linen / Leather

Custom dimensions, species and COM available upon request. Estimated lead times and shipment: 8-10 weeks

# **Highland Collection**

The collection includes an extension table, a desk, chair and bench.





## Rugosa Collection

A love letter to the living room. An invitation to comfort and repose. Made from broad planks of Western Sugar Pine, bronzed glass, and upholstered in Belgian linens.

Standard species: Sugar Pine (US) / Nordic Pine (EU)
Finishes: Kalon Bare Finish or Natural Oil/Wax

Standard Fabrics: Linen / Mohair
Other Materials: Bronzed Glass

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The collection includes a sofa, armchair, day bed, coffee table, side table and bookshelf.



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## **Bough Collection**

A study in contrast and balance. An homage to Japan's Sashimono tradition. Intricate concealed joinery punctuating elegantly streamlined designs in Solid Ash.

Standard species: Ash / Black Walnut

Finishes: Kalon Bare Finish or Natural Oil/Wax

Hardware: Blackened Steel

Custom dimensions, species and COM available upon request. Estimated lead times and shipment: 8-10 weeks

# **Bough Collection**

The collection includes tables and benches in various sizes and a stool.





## Simple Collection

Modern purity of form and feelings of calm.

Nodding to classic modernist aesthetics, made with solid oil-rubbed domestic hardwood and accented with luminous machined brass.

Standard species: Ash / Black Walnut

Finishes: Kalon Bare Finish or Natural Oil/Wax

Standard Fabrics: Linen / Mohair / Leather Hardware: Solid Brass (Unlacquered)

Custom dimensions, species and COM available upon request. Estimated lead times and shipment: 8-10 weeks

#### Simple Collection

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#### Caravan Collection

A timeless collection evoking balance and ease for nursery and beyond. A exploration of archetypal form. Pared-back simplicity that integrates with all styles.

Standard species: Ash / White Oak / Walnut

Finishes: Kalon Bare Finish or Natural Oil/Wax

For select items, custom dimensions, finishes and species

Estimated lead times and shipment: Inventory

#### Caravan Collection

The collection includes a crib, dresser, double dresser, divan, conversion kit, changing tray and organic crib mattress.



Standard species: Ash / White Oak / Walnut

Finishes: Kalon Bare Finish or Natural Oil/Wax

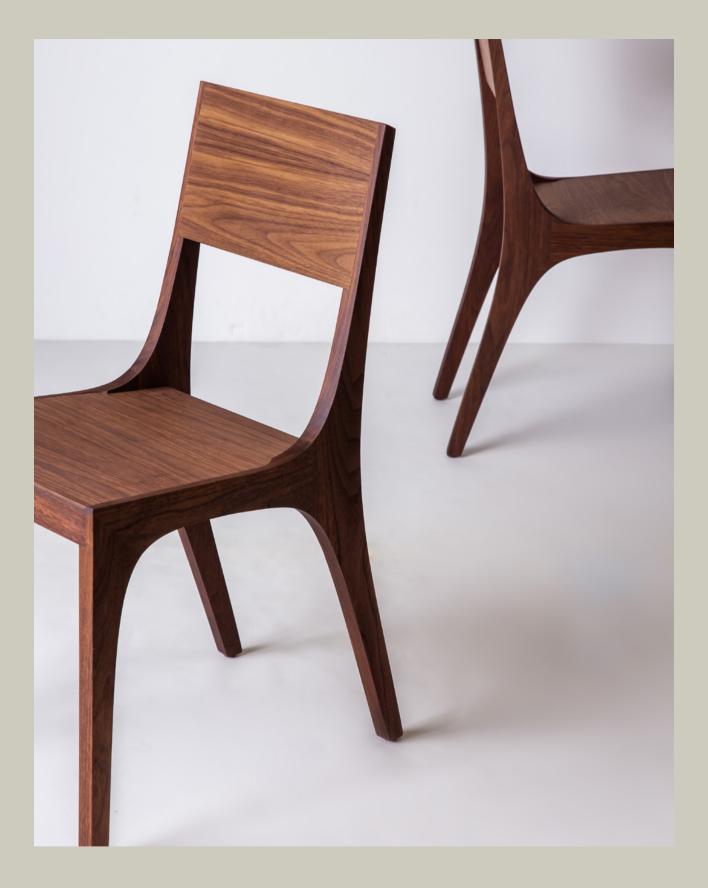
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Estimated lead times and shipment: 6-8 weeks

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#### Isometric Collection

Our first collection, released in 2009. An ode to the practical and timeless beauty and craftsmanship of early American furniture design traditions.

Standard species:

Ash / White Oak / Walnut

Finishes:

Kalon Bare Finish or Natural Oil/Wax

Custom dimensions, species and COM available upon request. Estimated lead times and shipment: TBD

#### **Isometric Collection**

The collection includes tables and benches in various sizes and a chair.





#### Io Collection

The dynamism of negative space. An invitation to imagination. A crib design that breaks from all traditions, realized in Solid Oak Cross Laminated Timber.

#### Standard species: White Oak Finishes: Kalon Bare Finish

Estimated lead times and shipment: Inventory

#### Io Collection

The collection includes crib, conversion kit, and a changing tray.





## Stump & Trunk

A playful juxtaposition of rawness and precision. A celebration of the living materiality of wood, felled in the forests of Maine.

Standard species: Ash or Maple (Green Wood)

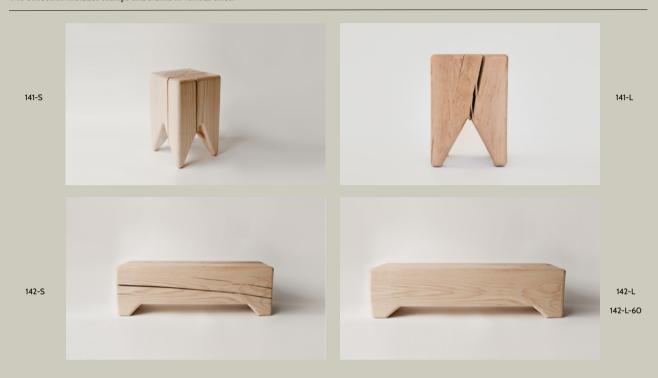
Custom dimensions, species and finishes available upon request.

Finishes: Raw (Unfinished)

Estimated lead times and shipment: 1-3 weeks

#### Stump & Trunk

The collection includes stumps and trunks in various sizes.





No. 5 Series

A radical committment to transparency, precision, and longevity. Inspired by midcentury design, with infinite modifiability in mind.

#### Standard species: White Oak Finishes: Kalon Bare Finish

Estimated lead times and shipment: 8 - 12 weeks

Custom dimensions, species and  $\operatorname{COM}$  available upon request.

Standard Fabrics:

#### No. 5 Series

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The collection includes a chaise, sofa and sectional.









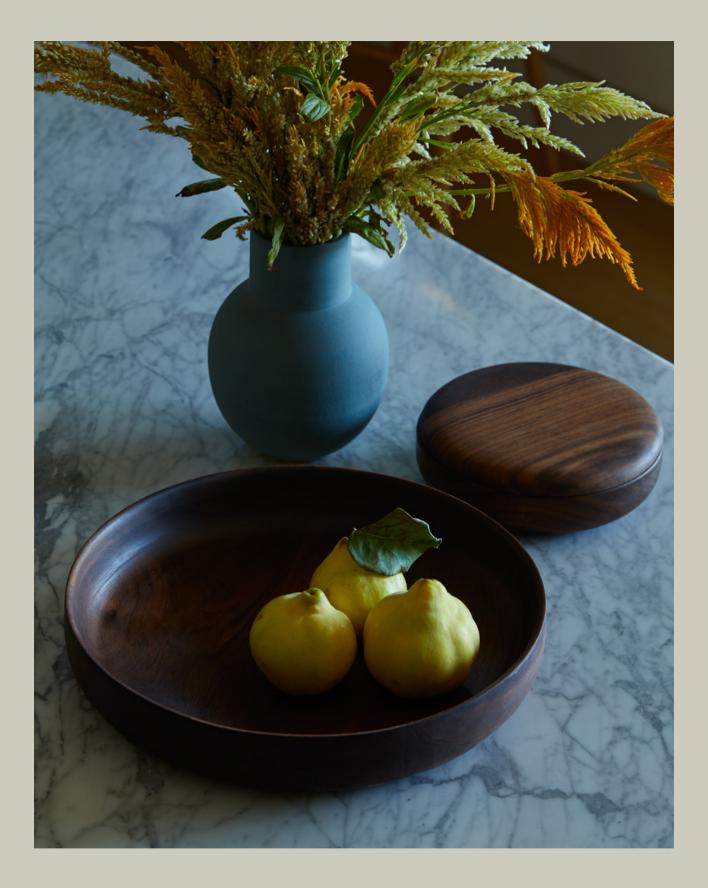








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#### Tableware

Elegantly utilitarian. Designed to display and do the work. Made from roasted wood and inspired by the work of Mim Sihvonen.

Standard species: Finishes:

Estimated lead times and shipment: TBD

Natural / Roasted Maple

Natural Oil/Wax

#### Tableware

The collection includes an 8.5" plate, 11" plate, 6" bowl, 8" bowl, 14" bowl, cup and platter.



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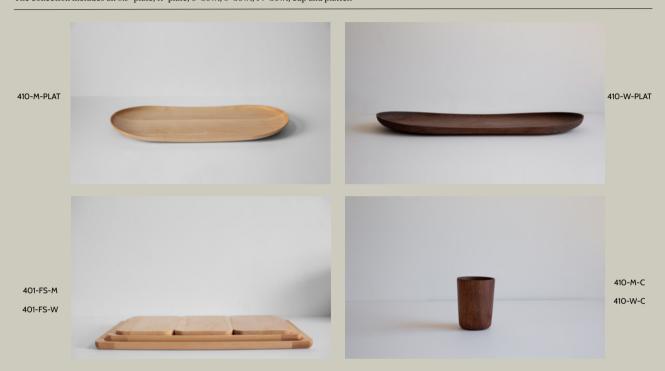
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#### **Beyond Beauty**

Kalon (pronounced like "Talon" but with a 'K') is an ancient, philosophical concept of ideal beauty that considers moral worth and usefulness as inextricable from aesthetics. When an object is kalon, it is beautiful because there is an inherent goodness that radiates from each detail. The truly beautiful is one and the same with the truly good.

Kalon Studios was founded not only to create products that stimulate and inspire, but to use design for positive change. It's an inherently optimistic mission, and achieving it is no small feat. For us, it's the seed of inspiration for every decision we make.



#### The ways we work

#### Producing with intention

We don't design to industry standards, we design and develop beyond them. Our pieces and materials meet some of the world's most stringent sustainability standards, but more importantly, they meet our high standards. Kalon views design as part of an ecosystem of impact: from those involved in creating work to the production choices we make, we consider the full picture. Each piece must give as much as it takes both to the environment and to the people involved in creating it.

#### Championing local craft

Kalon follows a philosophy of local manufacturing. Lumber is sustainably harvested from forests most local to where pieces are made. Similarly, all packing materials are sourced locally. Our intent is to sustain and revitalize the businesses, communities, and woodworking traditions in our communities.

#### Minding our impact

Our operations follow a small to Batch Size One production model. Within this approach, it is as efficient and cost effective to produce a single item as it is to produce a run of 1,000. In this way, we break from destructive cycles of mass production, overconsumption of resources, and wasteful overproduction. Additionally, every Kalon piece meets an extremely high standard of 90% material efficiency or more. Despite this already industry-leading example, we are continually redeveloping our manufacturing processes.