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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 Michael 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

Highland Collection

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

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

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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

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

Rugosa Collection

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

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Standard species: Sugar Pine (US) / Nordic Pine (EU)
Finishes: Kalon Bare Finish or Natural Oil/Wax
Standard Fabrics: Linen / Mohair
Other Materials: Bronzed Glass

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

Rugosa Collection

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

514-D



514-H



514-X



514-R



514-O



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Bough Collection

A study of contrast and balance inspired by craft traditions. Airy proportions and solid hardwood construction punctuated by intricate concealed joinery.

Standard species: Ash / Black Walnut / White Oak
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, benches and stools in various sizes.

701-ONE-A
701-ONE-O



701-ONE-W



701-TWO-W
701-TWO-O
701-TWO-A



701R-W
701R-O
701R-A



702-TWO-W
702-TWO-O
702-TWO-A



702-ONE-W
702-ONE-O
702-ONE-A



703-W
703-O
703-A



703B-W
703B-O
703B-A





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

The collection includes a bed, 8-drawer dresser, 4-drawer dresser, tallboy, side table, upholstered bench and mirror.

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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

The collection includes a bed, 8-drawer dresser, 4-drawer dresser, tallboy, side table, upholstered bench and mirror.

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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
available upon request.
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.

O41-RAW
O41-O



O41-OAK



O41-WAL



O42



O43-OAK



O43-WAL



O43-RAW
O43-O



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Standard species: Ash / White Oak / Walnut
Finishes: Kalon Bare Finish or Natural Oil/Wax

For select items, custom dimensions, finishes and species
available upon request.
Estimated lead times and shipment: 6-8 weeks

Caravan Collection

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

045-O



045-OAK



045-WAL



046-O



046-OAK



046-WAL



044-M



001-N





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.

112-A-L
112-O-L
112-W-L



112-A-M
112-O-M
112-W-M



112-A-S
112-O-S
112-W-S



113-A-L
113-O-L
113-W-L



113-A-M
113-O-M
113-W-M



113-A-S
113-O-S
113-W-S



111-A



111-O
111-W





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.

011-OAK



011-OAK



011-OAK



044-O





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)
Finishes: Raw (Unfinished)

Custom dimensions, species and finishes available upon request.
Estimated lead times and shipment: 1-3 weeks

Stump & Trunk

The collection includes stumps and trunks in various sizes.

141-S



141-L



142-S



142-L
142-L-60





No. 5 Series

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

Standard species: White Oak
Finishes: Kalon Bare Finish
Standard Fabrics: Wool

No. 5 Series

Custom dimensions, species and COM available upon request.
Estimated lead times and shipment: 8 - 12 weeks

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: Natural / Roasted Maple
Finishes: Natural Oil/Wax

Estimated lead times and shipment: TBD

Tableware

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

410-M-8.5-P
410-W-8.5-P



410-M-11-P
410-W-11-P



410-M-6-B



410-W-6-B
410-W-6-B-L



410-M-8-B



410-M-8-B
410-W-8-B-L



410-M-14-B
410-W-14-B



410-W-14-B-L



Standard species: Natural / Roasted Maple
Finishes: Natural Oil/Wax

Tableware

Estimated lead times and shipment: TBD

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

410-M-PLAT



410-W-PLAT



401-FS-M
401-FS-W



410-M-C
410-W-C



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

Our Design Commitments — Beyond Human-Centered Design

The decisions we make have an ecosystem of impact that reverberates far beyond the acts of ideation and creation, and every choice is a chance to support something — or not support something. By knowing this, we can design with intention, and activate the political, social, and cultural aspects of our respective practices. This means that from design to production, each piece must be functional, long-lasting, and of the highest quality. Along the way, it must support local communities, uphold craft traditions, and reimagine how we all engage with material goods. At Kalon Studios, we seek to redefine what constitutes good design

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 standards. The materials we work with are carefully selected for their unique qualities as well as their ability to grow more beautiful with age and use. This is no accident — the longer we love a piece, the more sustainable that purchase becomes. To that end, pieces are designed with flexibility of use, durability, and timeless appeal in mind. Rather than planned obsolescence, we design with planned longevity in mind. Our hope is that our work will adapt to our customers' ever-changing needs and tastes over the course of a lifetime. We choose to work with natural materials to ensure end-of-life bioavailability of our designs. We use safe, non-toxic materials that don't emit harmful VOCs or odors.

Championing local craft

As we work to find sustainable solutions to manufacturing, we engage many of the newest — and sometimes, the oldest — methods and materials. Our intent is to sustain and revitalize the businesses, communities and craft traditions most local to us. By choosing to work with small-scale, often family-owned FSC-certified manufacturers and small teams of highly skilled craftspeople, we are keeping vital economic diversity, jobs, and skills in our communities. By bringing our approach to these manufacturers, we expand the industrial commons while amplifying our impact.

Minding our impact

We follow a philosophy of local manufacturing, harvesting lumber from the forests most local to where our pieces are made. Sustainable forestry practices, centering on domestic hardwoods, ensure that forests managed for the production of wood products contribute to healthy ecosystems. We use a Batch Size One production model, where 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 the 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 process to create less waste.