Limited Edition: Lounge Chair Twill & Ottoman
Design: Charles & Ray Eames, 1956

'Why don't we make an updated version of the old English club chair?' With this comment, Charles Eames initiated the complex development of the Lounge Chair, which went into production exactly sixty years ago in 1956. Vitra began to produce the Lounge Chair in Weil am Rhein in 1959 and has used the same manufacturing methods ever since. The chair eventually became established as one of the most significant furniture designs of the twentieth century. To mark its 60th anniversary, Vitra is now launching the Lounge Chair and the accompanying Ottoman as a limited edition with fabric covers.

The Eames Lounge Chair is one of the great modern furniture classics and the most famous piece by the American designer couple Charles and Ray Eames. But even classics that have been on the market for decades need to be further developed and updated. That was a belief embraced by Charles and Ray Eames themselves, who created various versions of the Lounge Chair over the years. Vitra carries on this tradition in the spirit of the designers and in close collaboration with the Eames Office.

When Charles and Ray Eames designed the Lounge Chair in 1956, their primary aim was to create a soft and comfortable piece of seating furniture. They set new standards with their novel interpretation of the classic club chair: their model was light, elegant, modern and comfortable. With its functional perfection and careful construction, timeless materials and balanced proportions, the Lounge Chair has established itself over its sixty-year history as one of the most significant classics – as a product from another era that remains as relevant as ever.

Since its initial introduction, the armchair has been available with various veneers, leather upholstery colours and base versions. In the early years, the Lounge Chair was occasionally offered with fabric covers – however, Vitra has always produced it exclusively in leather.

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of production in 2016, Vitra is now offering a fabric-covered Lounge Chair Twill and Ottoman for a limited period of time. The high-quality Twill fabric from the Vitra Colour & Material Library imbues the chair with cosy softness and inviting warmth. The Lounge Chair Twill is available in the classic combination of dark-reddish palisander wood and black Twill. The Lounge Chair Twill and Ottoman with fabric covers are marked with a corresponding label and come with a '60 Years in Production' certificate. The limited edition is available from 1 November to 31 January at selected Vitra dealers.