

## **Softshell Side Chair**

### **Developed by Vitra in Switzerland**

### **Design: Ronan & Erwan Bouroullec, 2017**

**Designers Ronan and Erwan Bouroullec attracted Vitra's attention with their first experimental designs around the year 2000. The two brothers from Brittany immediately understood how to give their pioneering ideas a unique and invitingly understated expression, while still upholding all functional requirements. At Salone del Mobile 2017, Vitra together with the Bouroullec brothers is presenting their newest creation: Softshell Side Chair.**

The Softshell Chair designed by the Bouroullecs in 2008 is based on a familiar chair typology, but injects it with new energy. The gentle contours of the armchair shell, comfortably upholstered on all sides, and its soft covers give the chair an inviting, home-like character.

In spring 2017, Vitra is launching the Softshell Side Chair – a version that is related to the Softshell Chair, while still representing a completely new design. The most striking difference is the seat shell's lack of armrests.

The Softshell Side Chair, whose shape is defined by its soft upholstery, offers exceptionally comfortable seating and compact dimensions: vertical ribs concealed in the upper part of the backrest provide flexibility and considerable freedom of movement – and superb comfort even over prolonged periods of sitting. The Softshell Side Chair has a four-legged base made of robust plastic that accentuates the understated elegance of the design.

Similar in appearance, the Softshell Side Chair and Softshell Chair can be perfectly combined at the same table. Both chairs are available in the same selection of versatile fabric or leather covers in a wide choice of colours.