

## ALKU design Iiro Viljanen

The desks in the Alku series are clean and simple in design, yet offer dozens of alternatives to match the user's needs. The dimensions of the smallest desktop are 600 x 1200 mm, suitable even for tight workspaces. The largest top is over 1.5 square metres, with ample room for several displays, for example.

Besides conventional legs, Alku's options include A-shaped legs, which lend the desks a fresh and different look. The desks can also be turned into so-called bench desks with two desktops against each other with shared legs.

Alku's designer Iiro Viljanen's goal was a structure that would be as simple as possible. The series' thoroughly considered details include a mechanism for height adjustment which in most desks is covered with a cap of some sort. In the Alku desks, however, the mechanism is so graceful that it was left visible for added character.



## Iiro Viljanen

Iiro Viljanen was born in 1967. He graduated as building architect from the Lahti Technical Institute in 1991 and as interior architect from the University of Art and Design in 2000.

Iiro has been part of Martela's in-house design staff since 1999. There are several products designed by him in the Martela collection, including the MyBox desk, the Largo sofa and armchair and the James task chair.

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