

JAMESH

design Iiro Viljanen

James H is a task chair with a mesh backrest that provides an excellent complement to Martela's James series. 'The impulse to developing a new chair came from customers,' says the designer Iiro Viljanen. 'The interest shown by architects, for example, specifically in mesh backed task chairs has been increasing all the time.'

The chair looks light and airy, but it still provides extremely good support for the back. The backrest's frame is injection moulded. Thanks to the advanced technical structure, the mesh is extremely robust and the chair does not require separate lumbar region support. The solution is also evident in the chair's durability: the edge of the backrest's mesh is inside the framework of the backrest so it is protected from wear and tear.

There are four basic models in the James task chair series. The chair can be tailored to suit the environment and the user's needs with the aid of armrests, different types of legs and other accessories.

Iiro Viljanen

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

Iiro is a member of Martela's in-house design team. His career with the company started in 1999, and his first products were the Kit trolley and the Net storage screen. 'What made the project interesting was the fact that the products didn't have any technical challenges and above all that no other manufacturers had anything like them,' says Iiro. 'It's just a shame that their life span was short, because they were slightly ahead of their time...'

Since Kit and Net, Iiro has been responsible for a whole range of products that will be part of our collection for a long time to come.

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