CV – Klaus Hackl

In the mid-1990s, after completing his training in product design at the University of Art and Design in Saarbrücken, Klaus Hackl joined Jasper Morrison's design office in London. Over more than six years, he worked for major international companies on a wide range of projects - from household goods, furniture, and appliances to the complete interior design of a tram for EXPO 2000 in Hanover. He later collaborated with Konstantin Grcic on several projects, including the development of the *Mayday* lamp for the Italian manufacturer *Flos*, before founding his own product design studio in Munich in the early 2000s, which he continues to run today.

In all his design activities, Klaus Hackl strives to deepen the understanding of the cultural-historical, economic, and eco-social contexts that shape everyday objects, spaces, and services. This research-driven design approach benefits both his clients and society at large. Seeking to go beyond a purely professional perspective on design and to engage with a wide variety of challenges and disciplines, he has expanded his portfolio over the years to include collaborations with companies such as *Treppenmeister, Moormann, Magis,* and *Muji*, as well as *Side by Side*, a design collection produced in workshops for people with disabilities.

In 2012, together with ceramist Elisabeth Klein, he founded the design label *Hausgenossen*, a collection of practical everyday household items and interior lights, designed and handcrafted in their porcelain workshop in Munich's Maxvorstadt district.

Hackl's work has received numerous awards, including the *iF Design Award* and the *Red Dot Award* in Germany, as well as the *Handwerk+Form Award* from Werkraum Bregenzerwald in Austria. His projects have been published in design magazines worldwide and are represented in international museum collections. Combining extensive professional experience with a strong interest in design didactics, he has also given public lectures, served on juries, and taught at universities and academies of design and crafts.

In 2016, Klaus Hackl was appointed professor a.c. and has since taught product design at the Faculty of Design and Art at the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano in Italy.