

Case study

Where modernism meets nature

Inspired by and integrated within the natural landscape around it, the River Building at Grace Farms, which was designed by SANAA, gently slopes, bends and 'pools' with its surroundings.

For a place in which people gather to experience nature, encounter the arts, pursue justice, foster community and explore faith, the use of glass, steel, concrete and wood is particularly fitting. It allows the River Building, whose stainless steel roof turns almost blue when sunlight hits it, to represent an even deeper connection with nature.

In the building's bathrooms, d line sanitary ware was used for its simple lines and the natural rawness of its material.

About d line

d line is a heritage Danish design brand conceiving and hand crafting enduring architectural hardware, sanitary ware and solutions for barrier-free living.

Launched in 1971 with the coordinated line of stainless steel architectural products Knud Holscher created for St Catherine's College Oxford, d line has since collaborated with iconic Danish designers including Arne Jacobsen. The brand's ambition is to be universally known, coveted and admired for the uncompromising endurance of its design, craftsmanship and quality.

About the Knud Holscher collection

Danish architect and industrial designer Knud Holscher has been part of d line from the beginning, conceiving our first coordinated line of architectural hardware in 1971 as 'modest design that is designed to last'.

Holscher graduated from the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts School of Architecture in 1957, having studied under Arne Jacobsen. Only three years later, he found himself working for his professor on St. Catherine's College, Oxford, and thumbing through stacks of brochures to piece together its finishing touches.

As a result of this frustrating exercise, Holscher came to design a series of award-winning, minimalist architectural hardware for d line, starting with the iconic U and L levers, whose characteristic bend would influence the entire product range.

Having established Knud Holscher Design in Copenhagen in 1995, Holscher has since worked with a team that includes his architect son, Rasmus, and that designs everything from future-proof buildings like Copenhagen's Kastrup Airport, to future-proof hardware for d line.

Holscher has won over 70 awards, including many iF Design Awards that recognise design excellence and date back as far as 1978 and those first lever handles and doorstops for d line.

Notes to editors

Architect: SANAA Architects

Location: Connecticut, United States

Year: 2016

Product attributes:

- Designed by Knud Holscher
- 20-year guarantee
- High quality stainless steel AISI 316 (non-corrosive and highly durable)
- EN1906 class 4 certified (best in class for fire resistance; non-corrosive; highly durable to withstand extreme levels of use in high traffic areas)
- Several colours and finishes for different aesthetics, choose between: satin stainless steel , brass, PVD brass, PVD copper, PVD black

Links

- <https://dline.com/collections/knud-holscher/>
- <https://dline.com/cases/grace-farms/>

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