

ARNE VODDER



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DESIGNING FURNITURE FOR

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Danish architect and designer Arne Vodder is considered one of Denmark's most prominent architects of the mid-20th century. He was trained by master carpenter Niels Vodder at the School of Interior Design in the mid-1940s and completed his training by becoming a qualified architect at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen in 1947, where his teacher and mentor was Finn Juhl.

Arne Vodder is renowned for his simple, organic style, and his elegant design and profound understanding of materials made him an imposing figure in Danish Modernism. In the 1950s and 1960s, he entered into close collaboration with Sibast Furniture, designing a lot of the furniture exported by the company, much of which was used to furnish distinguished offices all over the world.

Arne Vodder's furniture went to US president Jimmy Carter in the White House, to Pope Paul V in Rome, to the UN office in Geneva, as well as to offices, airlines, embassies and hotels all over the world, thus helping to pave the way for a golden age of Danish Design outside Denmark.



The architect Arne Vodder was a close friend of Helge Sibast, and the pair's cooperation flourished over the course of two decades and marked the start of a true export adventure delivering furniture for Jimmy Carter at The White House as well as to Pope Paul V in Rome.