

ATELIER ARETI

# **ELEMENTS** The Elements collection was conceived within the framework of a rigorous design exercise. The task we imposed on ourselves was to reinterpret the simple light composition of base + arm + illuminating element and find innovation within this restrictive frame.

Our aim was to take one of these 3 elements – (1) the base (2) the arm (3) the illuminating element, and to transform it such that it would give this simple archetype a new identity.

We wanted our intervention to be simple, yet powerful. In the archetype, the base is usually a round pill box, the arm is usually a tube, and the illuminating element is either a globe, a cone or a strip.

The second defining concept of the Elements series is to use color as an additional dimension to further express the novelty of each simple composition. It is the first time that we have used color across all series of one collection.

The simplicity of the composition allowed for color to play a clarifying role. Adding color to a design can either strengthen or weaken the design. Adding color to an already complex shape might weaken the overall composition. In the Elements series however, the strength of the composition is based on the new relationship between 3 simple elements and in this context color serves to highlight this theme.

An example is the **Array** series – the base remains a simple round pillbox, the 'arm' remains a simple round tube, but the illuminating element is neither a globe, cone or strip as expected in the archetype, but a number of small tubes arranged along the main tube.

The **Tube with globes and cones** series again the elements of the base, arm and globe remain – but the composition differs from that of the archetype with the globe placed on the side of the tube rather than on the top.

In the **Tube and globe** series, we are attaching an illuminated rotating tube to the classic 'arm' element.



**PROFILES** The Profiles series replaces the usual round tube with an unusual profile for the stem.

The first iteration of this series uses an undulating shape with soft waves that create soft shadows and light reflections along the stem.

**<sup>552</sup>OL** desk light in white, red and pink, colour concept D



## OUTLINES



## **553OL** pendant light in red, pink and white, colour concept D



The Outlines series replaces the typical round foot / ceiling rose with a more particular outline.

The shapes derive from modifications on the original round shape, by using for example addition or subtraction of arches along the perimeter of the circle.

**553OL** desk light in black and light green, colour concept C

561OL desk light in black and light blue, colour concept C 553OL floor light in orange yellow, pink and white, colour concept D



555OL floor light in black, sand and white, colour concept C
555OL pendant light in intense green, colour concept A
563OL desk light in red, pink and white, colour concept D
559OL wall light in light blue, colour concept A

## TUBE WITH GLOBES AND CONES



555OL pendant light in black, red and white, colour concept C

This light is centred around a thick tube with either globes or cones. All elements in this light are solid and relatively similar in size. The stem is not a thin filigree element, but rather a volume, just as the globe or cone. This gives the light the appearance of a composition of volumes. In this composition, colour takes on an important role.



555OL desk light in black and light green, colour concept C

## OFF CENTRE



**556OL** pendant light orange yellow and pink, colour concept D

By offsetting the central stem to the side, this very familiar composition takes on a new character. It remains a simple light, but the asymmetry creates a more sculptural character.





**ARRAY** The Array light has an unfamiliar form and stands out as a sculptural object. Light emerges from the short tubes attached to the long main tube.



**557OL** pendant light in red, light green and white, colour concept D



 $$557 \mbox{OL}$$  desk light in black, pink and white, colour concept C

## ASYMPTOTE



**559OL** pendant light in orange yellow, colour concept A

Asymptote is a simple light where the base merges into the tube along a smooth curve.

### PARALLEL TUBES



**560OL** pendant light in red, pink and white, colour concept D

The Parallel Tubes light is composed of several thin tubes of varying colour. They are arranged horizontally or vertically, depending on the type.



## TUBE AND RECTANGLE

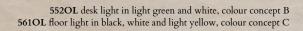
Two long elements, one with a round and one with a rectangular profile are combined to create a simple composition. A version with a globe attached to the circular tube exists as well.



**561OL** wall light in light green and red, colour concept D

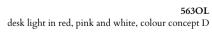


**561OL** desk light in intense green and pink, colour concept D



## TUBE AND TRIANGLE





This light is composed of a triangle as a base / ceiling rose and a tube crossing its middle.



563OL wall light in blue and black, colour concept C



## TUBE AND GLOBE

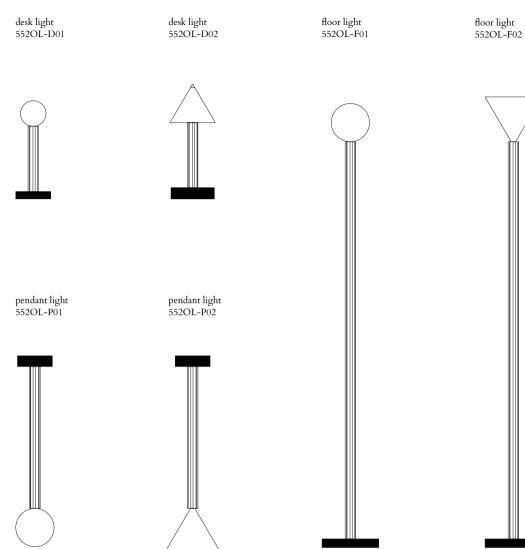


**564OL** pendant light in red and sand, colour concept D

This simple light has two illuminating elements – an adjustable tube and a globe. Together they create a playful composition.



#### PROFILES



#### OUTLINES

desk light / cut cylinder 553OL-D01



desk light / free shape 553OL-D02

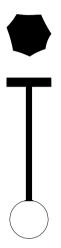


desk light / egg shape 553OL-D03

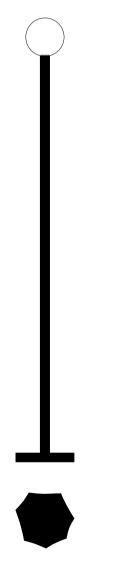


#### OUTLINES

pendant light / cut cylinder 553OL-P01



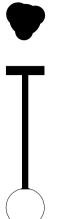
floor light / cut cylinder 553OL-F01



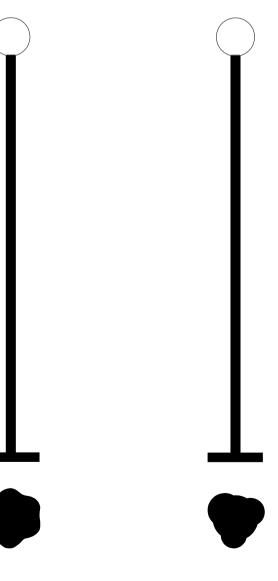
pendant light / free shape 553OL-P02



floor light / free shape 553OL-F02



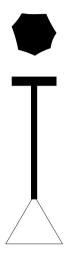
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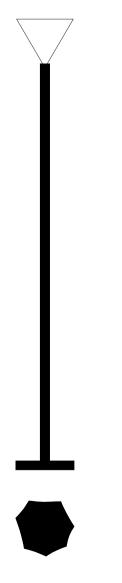
pendant light / egg shape 553OL-P03

#### OUTLINES

pendant light / cut cylinder 553OL-P04



floor light / cut cylinder 553OL-F04



pendant light / free shape 553OL-P05



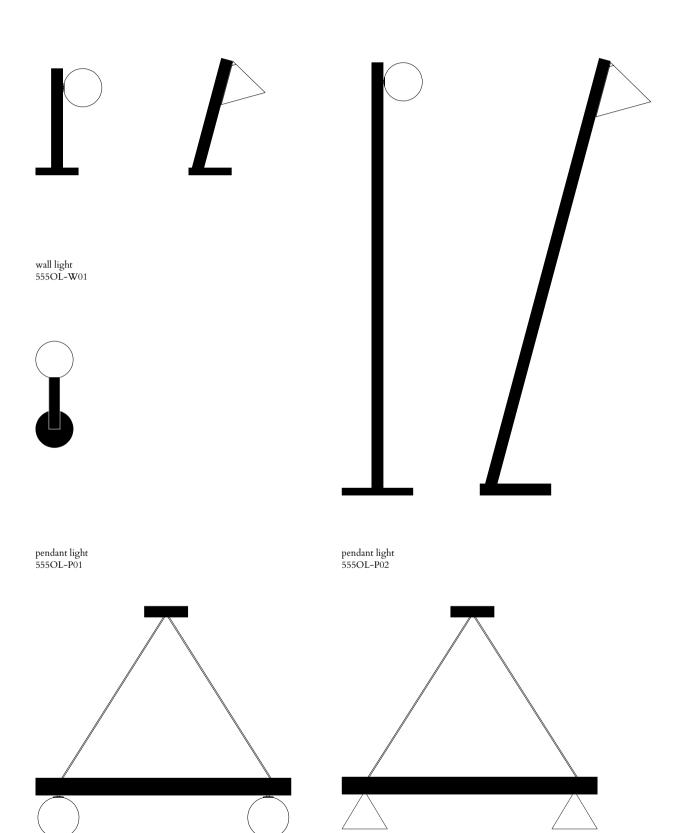
floor light / free shape 553OL-F05



pendant light / egg shape 553OL-P06

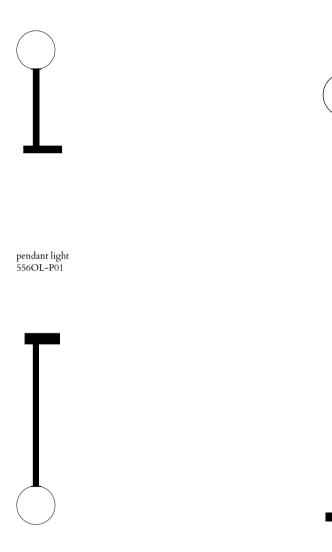
#### TUBE WITH GLOBES AND CONES

desk light 5550L-D01 desk light 5550L-D02 floor light 555OL-F01 floor light 555OL-F02



#### OFF CENTRE

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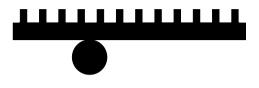


#### ARRAY

desk light 557OL-D01



wall light 557OL-W01

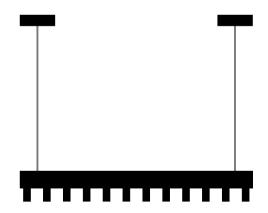


floor light 557OL-F01

ceiling light 557OL-C01



pendant light 557OL-P01



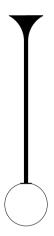
#### ASYMPTOTE

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pendant light 559OL-P01

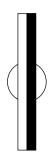


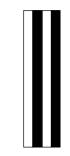
floor light 559OL-F01



#### PARALLEL TUBES

wall light 560OL-W01 wall light 560OL-W02





pendant light 560OL-P02

floor light 560OL-F01

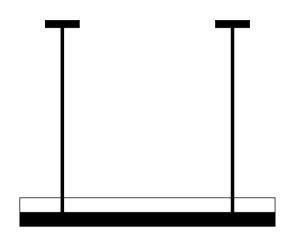


pendant light 560OL-P03

#### TUBE AND RECTANGLE

desk light 561OL-D02 pendant light 561OL-P01





wall light 561OL-W01



wall light 561OL-W02



floor light 561OL-F01

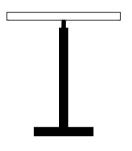


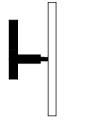
floor light 561OL-F02



#### TUBE AND TRIANGLE

desk light 563OL-D01 wall light 563OL-W01







#### TUBE AND GLOBE

desk light 564OL-D01



wall light 564OL-W01



pendant light 564OL-P01



floor light 564OL-F01 COLOUR CONCEPT A

Monochrome



#### COLOUR CONCEPT B

White + one colour



## COLOUR CONCEPT C

Black, white + one colour



COLOUR CONCEPT D White + two colours





## ATELIER ARETI Atelier Areti is an interdisciplinary design studio established by sisters Gwendolyn and Guillane Kerschbaumer.

Gwendolyn and Guillane's background is in visual arts – drawing and sculpture, architecture and design. Their work reflects this interest in both the object and space, exploring and existing between the sculptural quality of the object and its spatial dynamic.

*'We strive to develop something new and beautiful through our work. We are driven by curiosity and the desire to explore works that touch us on a deeper, direct emotional level as well engage us in a more conscious conceptual way.* 

These artistic ambitions need to be developed in the actual material product. The material realization gives the design it's place in our daily life. A well made object will be valued for a long time; we aim to create pieces that remain relevant through their beauty, function and quality.'

Gwendolyn and Guillane's international background informs both their work and their way of working across countries, making Atelier Areti a multicultural studio at heart.

The design team works with Gwendolyn and Guillane between Trieste Italy and London UK.

The manufacturing team is located in Germany. The lights are made there from start to finish. Most of the single components are made in-house and the manufacturers collaborate with local expert workshops for processes for which they lack specialized equipment such as galvanization or extrusion processes. The making of our pieces require both - very skilled craftsmanship as well as cutting edge technology. Our pieces often need a very experienced craftsman to perform delicate welding or polishing work by hand, as well as complex machined pieces that can only be made by state of the art automated technology. The manufacturers are equipped with a number of sophisticated machines, which are regularly expanded, allowing Areti to make a large number of components specifically for our designs in-house.

Areti also work with specialists in the areas of LED technology, electrical components, glass (both mouth blown and flat hand made) most located close by as well.

In our furniture collection we use noble materials such as marbles made in Italy and stone from Greece; both are countries with a long-standing tradition in stonemasonry and marble sculpture. The wooden pieces are made in central European countries with vast forests, allowing us to work with locally sourced materials.



GWENDOLYN	Gwendolyn was born in 1976 in Innsbruck and is Austrian / French with Austrian,
KERSCHBAUMER	French and Iranian roots.
	She obtained a Bachelor in Visual Arts with a concentration in sculpture from
	Duke University, NC graduating magna cum laude, receiving the Visual Arts
	Department's Mary Duke Biddle award.
	She received her Master in Architecture from Harvard University and a Master
	in Advanced Architectural Studies in sustainable building from the ETH (Swiss
	Federal Institute of Technology), Zurich.
	Among others, Gwendolyn worked at the architectural offices of Peter Eisenman
	Architects New York, Kleihues und Kleihues Berlin, MVRDV Rotterdam and
	Wiel Arets Architects Amsterdam.
	Gwendolyn was head of research at 'laba' / EPFL (Swiss Federal Institute
	of Technology Lausanne) for 3 years, where she researched contemporary
	developments in the fields of architecture, urban design and planning.

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GUILLANE	Guillane was born in 1981 in Innsbruck and is Austrian / French with Austrian,
KERSCHBAUMER	French and Iranian roots.
	She completed an art foundation program in Paris before studying Art History and
	Archaeology at the Sorbonne in Paris, receiving a DEUG degree.
	She went on to study Product Design at Central Saint Martins where she graduated
	in 2006.
	Guillane worked for several years as an interior designer in London before starting
	Atelier Areti with her sister Gwendolyn.

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