

# Swedese official supplier of furniture to the UN

**The UN headquarters, Palais des Nations, in central Geneva is currently undergoing substantial renovations. After a process that started several years ago, Swedish furniture company Swedese has been selected as partner and supplier of a large part of the furniture and interior decoration for the new buildings. As of March 2020, a framework agreement regarding lounge furniture for offices and meeting spaces is in place, making Swedese a proud supplier for the UN.**

Since 1945, Swedese designs and manufactures furniture for private homes and public spaces, at their sites in the villages of Vaggeryd and Äng in the region of Småland in the southern part of Sweden. Swedese's focus on modern work environments and meeting places, along with their ability to offer customized solutions, form the basis for the decision made by the UN organization. The fact that the UN and Swedese share values on the significant issues of sustainability and gender equality has also contributed strongly to the UN selecting Swedese as a partner.

"It has been an interesting and demanding process, and we are of course very proud to be selected as suppliers of interior decoration for the UN," says Sonnie Byrling, CEO at Swedese. "The team effort has been fantastic. Our staff has shown perseverance and great competence, and getting the opportunity to deliver our products to this prestigious project is an incredible reward," Sonnie Byrling concludes.

Swedese is a classic Swedish furniture producer, firmly anchored in both the public and domestic domain. Our ideals are the same today as they have been for the past seventy years. We create beautiful furniture for the future, built on the foundations of Scandinavian traditions, designed by forward-looking designers who share the timeless ideals of architecture.

Swedese was founded in 1945 by the two brothers Yngve and Jerker Ekström and Bertil Sjöqvist. Yngve remained at a leading position in the company throughout his life. The present owners of Swedese is Anna Johansson and Julio Patino. The headquarters are situated in Vaggeryd in Småland, Sweden, along with one of the factories. The second factory is located in Äng, a small village outside Nässjö, Sweden.

Together with his peers, a group including Alvar Aalto, Bruno Mathsson, Arne Jacobsen and Poul Kjaerholm, Yngve Ekström formed the core of a generation of designers who made the concept "Scandinavian Modern" famous all over the world. The most well-known design in Yngve Ekström's extensive portfolio is the Lamino armchair from 1956, which is still manufactured in Vaggeryd and sold all over the world.

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