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The concept of Tradition Reimagined began with conversations about entertaining thoughtfully and gathering together at home. About private spaces and hospitality spaces and blending conventional categories. Older generations often began preparing for their guests days beforehand with careful planning, table settings and etiquette. Today our ways of entertaining may be different, but our desire to create memories, meaningful interactions and intimacy at home is as strong as ever. How might we blend the spirit of older traditions with modern design to create something new? How might we reimagine traditions?

Tradition Reimagined is rooted in entertaining at home with thoughtfulness and creating memories together. It blends European tradition and modern design with ease for simple, elegant style.

## Introducing the Curiosity Cabinet – a modern cupboard made with traditional techniques.

The Curiosity Cabinet is a beautiful and modern rendition of a timeless furniture piece. Carefully crafted in solid oak using traditional joinery techniques, it is made to store objects almost out of sight thanks to elegant reeded glass doors that gently blur the contents within.

*“We looked to the idea of having a place to store objects and quickly realised that this type of cupboard is often lacking on the market. The decorative glass doors allow you to sense the contents within, but at the same time ensure a tidy appearance,”* say Mathias Mentze and Alexander Ottenstein on their latest design for MENU.

Opening to reveal bronzed brass fittings and two oak veneer shelves that can be placed at varying heights, the Curiosity Cabinet offers ample room to store your favourite objects – from everyday dinnerware and office essentials to home textiles and even clothes.

## About The Designers

Mentze Ottenstein is a collaboration between Danish architects and designers Mathias Mentze and Alexander Ottenstein. An architect and design lecturer at The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Mathias Mentze infuses design, history, craft and tactility into projects large and small. Architect Alexander Ottenstein has collaborated with high-profile Danish studios but is most passionate about smaller scale projects.



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**PRODUCT TYPE**  
Cabinet

**ENVIRONMENT**  
Indoor

**DIMENSIONS**  
H: 168 cm / 66,14"  
W: 70,5 cm / 27,76"  
D: 40,1 cm / 15,79"

**COLOUR**  
Brown, clear

**MATERIALS**  
Oak veneer, MDF, bronzed brass, glass



## A Sense of Community

MENU has always been fascinated by the way in which individuals and spaces can be united through great design. In our pursuit to craft furniture, lighting and interior accessories shaped by purposeful details, high-quality materials and human needs, we create strong and lasting relations between designers, manufacturers and customers. The sense of community that results from this union of like-minded individuals fosters a deeper sense of belonging – and products that stand the test of time, inviting human connection, inspiration and experimentation to push the boundaries of modern design. We truly believe that when we work collectively, we achieve more than we do individually: the sum of our work and of our connections is always greater than its parts, and our softly minimal designs and collaborative spirit help to join the dots between the home, the workplace and the service industry, redefining how we use space and, ultimately, how we connect to those around us.



## MENU at The Audo



MENU's showroom is located at The Audo, a unique concept that masterfully unites co-working and event facilities, a café, restaurant and retail area, as well as an exclusive residence in a single, community-building universe. The Audo features an inspiring mix of original features and thoughtful new accompaniments from an eclectic mix of premium brands – not least MENU's comprehensive range of furniture, lighting and accessories which are put to their truest test together with a curated selection of products from global brands. Abbreviated from the *Latin Ab Uno Disce Omnes*, meaning *from one, learn all*, The Audo reflects MENU's founding philosophy of collaborative spirit. Redefining how we use design, space and, ultimately, how we connect to one another, this creative destination is a hub for powerful ideas, beautiful design and inspiration.