



Dirk Wynants

Designer

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BORN

Belgium, May 9th 1964, son of a cabinet maker

EDUCATION

Interior architecture and furniture design at the Architecture Institute Sint-Lucas in Gent, Belgium

CAREER

Dirk Wynants founded his company **Extremis** in 1994. He is still the full owner and president of the board of directors, but gives priority to designing and art direction.

Next to that he is managing director of his own design studio **Dirk Wynants Design Works** (founded in 2006).

Dirk established Extremis for the realization of his own designs.

The Gargantua garden table was his first ever Extremis product. The further development of Extremis as a company (and a brand) was actually based on the success of this first creation.

Innovation, superior quality materials, a keen eye for functionality and ecology are part of the credo.

Thanks to this attitude, Extremis soon became a worldwide renowned design collection. Dirk's designs already won many awards and so did his company for design management, general management and export. Since the establishment in 1994 designer Dirk Wynants succeeded in getting his company a top position within the international design scene. The fact that he never follows the mainstream, but always brings innovative and progressive design, certainly forms part of this success story.

AWARDS

Henry van de Velde Award	Brussels (BE)	2001
Independent entrepreneur of the year	Brussels (BE)	2001
Hermes Award	Brussels (BE)	2002
Leeuw van de Export, young exporter	Brussels (BE)	2002
Interior Innovation Award for Picnik	IMM Cologne (GE)	2003
les Best of NOW! design à vivre for Picnik	Paris (FR)	2003
Henry van de Velde Award for Picnik	Brussels (BE)	2003
FX international design award for Picnik	London (GB)	2003
IF design award for Picnik, silver	Hannover (GE)	2004
Good Design award for Picnik	Chicago (USA)	2004
ID award (honourable mention) for Picnik, Annual Design Review	New York (USA)	2004
FX international design award for Arthur (best residential furniture)	London (GB)	2004
Design Award of the Province of West Flanders	Kortrijk (BE)	2004
Interior Innovation Award for Donuts	IMM Cologne (GE)	2005
FX international design award for Donuts	London (GB)	2005
Red Dot Award for Donuts	Essen (GE)	2005
Henry Van De Velde Label for Inumbra	Brussels (BE)	2006
Henry Van De Velde Label for Woodstock	Brussels (BE)	2006
IF Award 2007 for Inumbra	Hannover (GE)	2006
IDEA Silver for Inumbra	Herndon (USA)	2007
Nomination for the Design Award of the Fed. Republic of Germany for Inumbra	Frankfurt am Main (GE)	2007
DME award (category small companies)	Essen (GE)	2007
Nomination for the Design Award of the Fed. Republic of Germany	Frankfurt am Main (GE)	2008
Design Award of the Province of West Flanders for Woodstock	Kortrijk (BE)	2008
DME award (category sustainability)	Cardiff (GB)	2008
KMO-nominee	Brussels (BE)	2008
iF design award for Kosmos	Hannover (GE)	2009
FX international design award for Kosmos	London (GB)	2009
Interior Innovation Award for Hopper	IMM Cologne (GE)	2011
Good Design Award for Alea	Chicago (USA)	2011
Red Dot Award for Abachus	Essen (GE)	2011
Red Dot 'Best of the Best' for Hopper	Essen (GE)	2011
IDEA Silver for Hopper	Herndon (USA)	2011
Henry van de Velde Label for Hopper	Brussels (BE)	2011

iF design award for Hopper	Hannover (GE)	2011
md award for Hopper	Berlin (GE)	2011
Design Award of the Province of West Flanders for Abachus, Kosmos, Kosmos parasol`Oris and Hopper	Kortrijk (BE)	2012
Henry van de Velde label for Marina	Brussels (BE)	2012
Interior Innovation Award IMM for Marina	Cologne (GE)	2012
German Design Award for Hopper	Frankfurt am Main (GE)	2013
Good Design Award for Hopper	Chicago (USA)	2013
Good Design Award for Hopper shade	Chicago (USA)	2013
Good Design Award for Hopper bench	Chicago (USA)	2013
AZ Award for Marina	Toronto (USA)	2013
Green Good Design Award	Chicago (USA)	2013
German Design Award for Marina	Frankfurt am Main (DE)	2013
IDEA finalist for Marina	Herndon (USA)	2013
Nominee for Creative Entrepreneur	Brussels (BE)	2014
Nomination for the German Design Award for SAM	Frankfurt am Main (DE)	2015
Interior Innovation Award for Walrus	Cologne (DE)	2015
Red Dot Award for Pantagruel	Essen (DE)	2015
German Design Award (special mention) for Walrus	Frankfurt am Main (DE)	2015
iF design Award for Walrus	Hannover (DE)	2016
German Design Award GOLD for Sol+Luna	Frankfurt am Main (DE)	2017
German Design Award for Anker	Frankfurt am Main (DE)	2017
Architonic products award for Sol+Luna	(CH)	2017
European Product Design Award GOLD for Sol+Luna	(USA)	2017
iF design Award for Virus GOLD for Virus	Hannover (DE)	2018
European Product Design Award, BRONZE for Virus	(USA)	2018
Architonic Products Award for Bistroy	(CH)	2018
Good Design Award for Virus	Chicago (USA)	2018
Good Design Award for Sol+Luna	Chicago (USA)	2018
German Design Award GOLD for Virus	Frankfurt am Main (DE)	2019
Henry van de Velde Award for Acacia	Brussels (BE)	2019
Red Dot Award for Bistroy	Essen (DE)	2019
German Design Award Winner for Bistroy	Frankfurt am Main (DE)	2020
German Design Award Winner for Acacia	Frankfurt am Main (DE)	2020
Good Design Award for AMAi	Chicago (USA)	2021
Archiproducts design award for AMAi	(IT)	2021
iF design Award for AMAi	Hannover (DE)	2022
Prize designs for Modern Furniture for AMAi	(GR)	2022

Hip award honoree for Virus	(USA)	2022
Metropolislikes NeoCon award for AMAi	(USA)	2022
Prize designs for Modern Furniture for Manille	(GR)	2023
Henry van de Velde Lifetime Achievement Award	Brussels (BE)	2024
iF design Award for Manille	Hannover (DE)	2024
iF design Award for Panigiri	Hannover (DE)	2024
Prize design for Modern Furniture for Panigiri	(GR)	2024

DESIGNS

Gargantua table	1994	Icarus parasol for Umbrosa	2011
Utensile accessories range	2000	Infina parasol for Umbrosa	2012
Inumbra parasol	2002	Vela shade	2013
Picnik table seating combination (collaboration with Belgian designer Xavier Lust)	2002	SAM digital piano for Roland	2013
Arthur table	2004	Pantagruel table seating combination	2014
Donuts table seating combination	2004	Walrus outdoor sofa	2014
Qrater fire dish	2004	Pontsūn table	2015
Dollypop bottle cooler	2005	Anker table seating combination	2015
Woodstock wood rack and chariot	2005	Dreve lighting for Modular	2015
Bronco, Corral & Cupsidedown table, stool and lamp	2006	Sol+Luna sun lounger	2016
Behive lounge island	2006	Virus table seating combination	2016
Totem	2007	Acacia parasol	2018
Kosmos lounge island	2008	Bistroo table seating combination	2018
Kosmos shade	2009	Tiki stool	2018
Kosmos 'Oris pulpit	2009	Como Corner lighting for Modular	2019
Alea flower pot	2009	Tiki table	2020
Abachus standing table	2009	AMAi table	2021
Inumbrina parasol	2009	Nano parasol for Umbrosa	2021
Hopper table	2010	Versa UX parasol for Umbrosa	2021
Hopper shade	2010	Sensu parasol	2021
Hopper freestanding bench	2011	Patio parasol for Cassina	2021
Spectra parasol for Umbrosa	2011	Umbra parasol for Gandia Blasco	2021
		Como Cruiser boat	2021
		Manille table	2023
		Panigiri table	2023

LECTURES (BRIEF VERSION)

2004

- Imperfect by Design, Brussels (BE)
- Future Design Days, Stockholm (SE)

2005

- Professionals' Day Expert Conference, Prague (CZ)
- State of Design Festival, Melbourne (AU)

2006

- Designer's Lounge, Kortrijk (BE)

2007

- Innovatienetwerk Voka, Kortrijk (BE)

2008

- DME Congress, Barcelona (ES)
- Annual Modern Atlanta (MA) Design Festival, Atlanta (US)
- Admir(able) Saint-Etienne DME Conference, Saint-Etienne (FR)

2009

- "Meet the Designers" Voka, Kortrijk (BE)
- Design Fusion, Kortrijk (BE)
- Hantal school, Kortrijk (BE)
- Futurotextiel, Kortrijk (BE)
- Grand Opening HN Lin, Shanghai (CH)

2010

- Designlab, Hellinicon (GR)
- IFEST Seminar: durable product development and material innovations, Gent (BE)
- TisTou, Tokyo (JP)
- Westanglia, Diksmuide (BE)
- Altagamma, Moscow (RU)

2011

- 11th European Conference on Creativity and Innovation, Brussels (BE)
- Pecha Kucha Night, Melbourne (AU)
- Flanders InShape, Kortrijk (BE)
- The Future Update, Kortrijk Xpo, Kortrijk (BE)
- Symposium: "The next big thing is a lot of small things", Kortrijk (BE)
- I-Fest Seminar, Gent (BE)
- Front End Conference Europe, Berlin (DE)

2012

- "Design & Fire" Tastenhoye, Brussels (BE)
- Perlov Design Center, Saint-Petersburg (RU)
- "(W)interieuravonden" Lessius Hogeschool, Mechelen (BE)
- Beijing Design Week, Beijing (CN)
- "Bryo" Voka, Kortrijk (BE)
- Shanghai Institute of Visual Arts, Shanghai (CN)
- Batiplus, Zürich (CH)
- Designnovation, 8th European conference on the challenges of design in Europe, Paris (FR)

2013

- Design Fusion, Kortrijk (BE)
- Jiangnan University, Wuxi (CN)
- "Dag van het Thermisch Verzinken" Zinkinfo, Mechelen (BE)
- "Creative Ville" Flanders District of Creativity, Leuven (BE)
- CBi Shanghai Bridge, Shanghai (CN)
- Causerie for Designmuseum, Gent (BE)
- Fabaltics, Riga (LV)
- Guest lecture forum 'Culture Management', Antwerp University (BE)
- Creative Ville by Flanders District of

Creativity, Gent (BE)

- 'This is not design, this is the Belgian Spirit', Business of Design Week, Hong Kong
- Marketing seminar Duvel, Lille (FR)

2014

- CBi Shanghai Bridge, Shanghai (CN)
- "The Dreams of Glory" art exhibition - Shanghai Sanlin Folk Culture Festival (CN)
- Bulthaup showroom, Picnic for Design, San Francisco (US)
- Maximal Design, Inspirational Cocktail, Antwerp (BE)
- Bulthaup Design Center, Saint-Petersburg (RU)
- Riga University, Riga (Baltic States)

2015

- Guest lecture for students 'Industrial Product Design', HOWEST Kortrijk (BE)
- Lecture at Belgium Innovation Centre regarding intellectual property, Brussels (BE)
- Design Talks at Designer Saturday, Oslo (NO)
- Beijing University, Beijing (CH)
- Talkshow at Tistou, Tokyo (JP)
- Prototyping show 2015, Kortrijk (BE)

2016

- BAD (Belgium Art Design), Ghent (BE)
- Lecture about outdoor furniture in urban settings, Tokyo (JP)
- Client event, Tokyo (JP)
- 3 days of Design, Copenhagen (DK)
- MAD, Brussels (BE)
- Master students Interior Architecture, Antwerp (BE)

2017

- Grand Opening Acoola, Malaga (ES)
- Nest / Roularta, Brussels (BE)

2018

- Etion at Extremis headquarters (BE)
- Middle East Smart Landscape Summit, Dubai

2019

- Cranbrook Academy of Art, Michigan (USA)
- Kringwerking ZORG.tech Flanders at Extremis headquarters (BE)
- Belgian Embassy, Tokyo (JP)
- Design Shanghai (CN)
- 'Health at Work' at Buro International, Tielt (BE)

2020

- 'The fading boundaries between indoor and outdoor spaces. A brand's take on Biophilia' - Lecture for Decorlab, Milan (IT)

2021

- Glue - Lecture on Biophilia, Amsterdam (NL)
- Trendvision, Popering (BE)

2022

- Guest lecture at press conference Salone del Mobile, Milan (IT)
- Zorgcongres, Marbella (ES)

+ 100rds of lectures at architectural practices around the world

2023

- Zorgcongres, Marbella (ES)
- Living Edge, Perth, Brisbane & Sydney (AU)

2024

- Kramer & Kramer, Zöfing (AT)
- Flanders DC, Ghent (BE)
- Innovation Day, Brussels (BE)

PUBLICATION

"I've always been attached to the globe" is the title of the book dedicated to the work of Dirk Wynants. Author is the renowned Belgian design critic and journalist Chris Meplon, who has been keeping a close eye on the international design scene since 1998.