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While studying at the pioneering Cranbrook Academy of Art in the 1930s, Florence Knoll forged a lifelong friendship with Eero Saarinen, whose father, renowned Finnish architect Eliel Saarinen, served as Cranbrook's president. Over time, this relationship evolved into one of the most important design partnerships of the 20th century, and resulted in designs that have become major icons of the postwar era.

The revolutionary series of sculptural pedestal chairs and tables designed by Saarinen and launched in 1957 by Knoll have come to represent the exuberance, finesse and high imagination of American mid-century furniture. The Tulip™ Collection, constructed of fiberglass and cast aluminum, demonstrates Saarinen's distinct ability to balance art and technology and was his solution to the "slum of legs" that he perceived as making for "an ugly and unrestful world."

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Tulip Collection, Knoll is introducing a Platinum finish on all Tulip pieces and reintroducing classic Rosewood and Teak table tops. In addition, all pieces ordered between August 1, 2007, and August 1, 2008, will be affixed with a commemorative medallion bearing the mark of the designer.

In his architectural practice, Saarinen is best known for the Dulles International Airport in Washington, D.C., the Gateway Arch in St. Louis and the TWA terminal at Kennedy International Airport in New York.

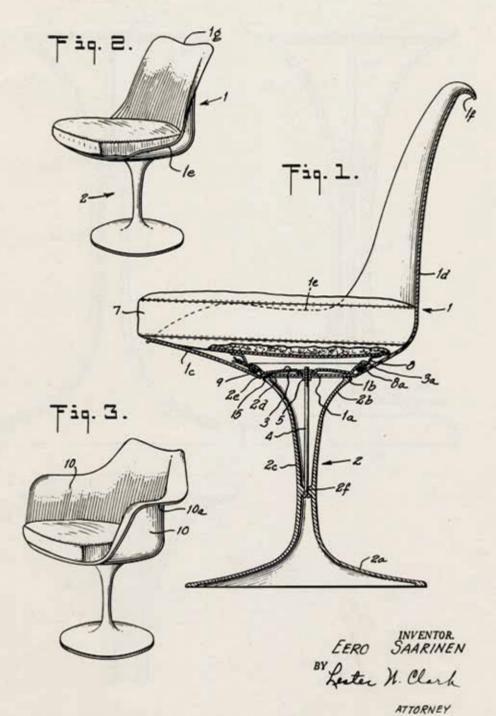
The Tulip Anniversary Collection reflects the KnollStudio® commitment to timeless, enduring design, continuing the Knoll legacy of producing furniture to the exacting standards of the designer and affirming our unwavering belief in the power and utility of modern design.



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Saarinen Dining and Side Tables with Platinum base finish and Arabescato marble tops.







The Tulip Collection features a range of upholstery and finish options. Tulip Chairs available with Black, White or Platinum finish, with seatpad. Black and White finish also features upholstered inner shell option. Round or oval table tops available in marble, veneer or laminate. Above, Saarinen Coffee Table with Platinum base finish and Arabescato marble top. All Tulip pieces ordered during the commemorative period will carry a 50th anniversary medallion.

