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Designer Biography: Relvãokellermann

The German-Portuguese design duo Relvãokellermann is known for visionary and thoughtful design that seamlessly combines functionality and user experience with cutting-edge technology. With a clear focus on optimising the functionality of each product, Ana Relvão and Gerhardt Kellermann have, since founding their studio in Munich in 2014, realised a wide range of pioneering projects in industrial design, spatial design, art direction, and consultancy. They have already collaborated with renowned partners such as bulthaup, COR, Samsung, and gumpo.

Relvãokellermann's philosophy is based on the belief that the ideal form results from the functional optimisation of an object. Rather than relying on decoration, they strive to derive a product's form from its construction and handling. *"We believe that the function and usability of every product should be as intuitive as possible for the user,"* say Ana Relvão and Gerhardt Kellermann.

Their work has been recognised with multiple prestigious awards, including the iF Design Award, the German Design Award, the IDEA Award, the Stylepark Selected Award, the Monocle Design Award, and the Kitchen Innovation Award. Their professional commitment is also evident through their jury participation for the iF Design Award and various teaching roles, which have taken them to institutions such as the State Academy of Fine Arts in Stuttgart, as well as universities in Leiria, Bolzano, and Lisbon.

"We make it our mission to question the current construction, materials, and design of every product. Our aim is to find solutions that make an object more efficient, sustainable, versatile, and durable." With the introduction of the LIGRE youn espresso machine, Relvãokellermann once again set a new standard for innovative design and their passion for sustainable solutions. The LIGRE youn impresses with its elegant design language, intuitive user interface, and use of high-quality materials. The same applies to the complementary LIGRE siji coffee grinder, also designed by them. Through their approach to design, they have created an espresso machine along with a matching grinder and accessories that not only excel technologically but also set new benchmarks in aesthetics and functionality.

"We are passionate about continuous progress and believe that it is the designer's responsibility to apply what is technically feasible and to further explore what is technically desirable," say Ana Relvão and Gerhardt Kellermann.

LIGRE

About LIGRE

Combining groundbreaking technology, iconic design, user-friendly operation, and an unrivalled commitment to material quality, LIGRE sets new standards in the market for premium espresso machines. The primary goal during development was to create a product for outstanding espresso that is both visionary in its concept and design, seamlessly fitting into modern, contemporary interior architecture. Founded in 2019 by Dr. Lina Gebhardt-Gronbach, LIGRE was developed in close collaboration with coffee experts, R&D specialists, and the renowned design studio Relvökellermann. In 2024, the brand made its public debut at the Salone del Mobile in Milan. As a luxury brand, LIGRE consciously challenges conventions and boldly explores new paths. This courage has been rewarded with the German Design Award Gold and the iF Design Gold Award. The professional world is also impressed: following an extensive review, Europe's leading coffee magazine, *crema magazin*, concluded: "There is currently no other machine on the market that comes close to LIGRE in terms of design and quality." The world of LIGRE consists of the LIGRE you espresso machine, the perfectly matched LIGRE siji coffee grinder, along with thoughtfully designed accessories and expertly curated coffee blends.

About GRONBACH

The Gronbach Group is a traditional family-owned company from Germany. As a hidden champion and OEM supplier for many premium and luxury brands, it is internationally known for its integrity, boldness, and continuity. Gronbach's success story began 60 years ago with the development and production of a patented freezer chest hinge, which is still in use worldwide today. Since then, the group has evolved into a global player in the development and serial production of entire home appliance products, complex assemblies, kinematics, fan systems, and high-quality design components made from metal and plastic. With four locations in Germany, Austria, Italy and Slovakia, the group consolidates cross-functional competencies as a full-service supplier for its clients.

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