**Inga Sempé welcomes visitors to an intimate and cosy oasis at Stockholm Furniture & Light Fair**

**This year’s Guest of Honour, French industrial and product designer Inga Sempé, welcomes visitors to an intimate and cosy environment in Stockholmsmässan’s entrance hall. This is the ninth consecutive year that a prominent international designer will be responsible for creating a lounge at Stockholm Furniture & Light Fair.**

“The lounge is in the exhibition entrance hall, which is a huge area with a high ceiling. My aim has been to create a feeling of well-being and intimacy so that visitors can enjoy some moments of calm amidst the hustle and bustle of the event. Textiles and transparent features will be suspended from the ceiling, forming an area that is both open and enclosed. To add to the feeling of intimacy I have created platforms on various levels, simulating an actual home. Visitors will be able to sink down into wonderfully comfy sofas, or browse through their exhibition catalogues around wooden tables in an atmosphere of mellow lighting,” says Inga Sempé.

Inga Sempé was born in Paris, France in 1968, graduating in 1993 from the design college Les Ateliers-ENSCI, L´Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Création Industrielle, Paris. Since then she has focused on designing furniture and lighting, as well as a variety of objects and textiles. She worked at a number of design studios before setting up her own studio in Paris in 2000. During 2000 and 2001 she was also artist-in-residence for the French Academy at the Villa Medici in Rome. During this period she started working with Italian companies such as Cappellini and Edra, who became her first manufacturers. Since 2006 she has collaborated with several Swedish companies: David Design, Almedahls, Wästberg, Gärsnäs and Svenskt Tenn.

In 2003 she was awarded the distinction of the “Grand Prix de la Création en design de la ville de Paris”, and she held an exhibition in the same year at the Musée des Arts décoratifs in Paris. Today Inga works with, among others, Ligne Roset, Moustache, Domestic, Luceplan, David Design, Hjelle, Almedahls and Artecnica.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=S8Hy42GMVDc>

Previous guests of honour include Patricia Urquiola, Spain, brothers Ronan and Erwan Bouroullec, France, Naoto Fukasawa, Japan, Konstantin Grcic, Germany, Giulio Cappellini, Italy, Ineke Hans, the Netherlands, Paul Smith, UK, and Arik Levy, Israel/France.

Stockholm Furniture & Light Fair will take place at Stockholmsmässan on 7-11 February 2012.

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