



Seyhan Özdemir (1975) and Sefer Çağlar (1973) met at Fine Arts Faculty of Mimar Sinan University, where Seyhan was studying Architecture and Sefer, Interior Design. The duo graduated in 1998 and after gaining experience in the field, in order to join their work on architecture, interior design and product development under one name, they established Autoban in 2003.

The base of Autoban's interior, architecture and product design approach is formed by the main principles of modern architecture's terminology. This approach concentrates in progressive design resolutions with an experimental standpoint. Developing from small scale to large scale interior environments with solid foundations based on architectural principles; Autoban offer inspiring experiences where spaces are not made but discovered.

Özdemir and Çağlar initially set to work on interior projects in Istanbul. As a rational extension on their interior work, they began developing product designs and in 2004 they launched their first collection in Paris. Same year, their interior projects had extended to outside of Istanbul. Autoban's first architectural project, Nef 163 began in Istanbul in 2010; first overseas project had been completed in June 2010, and today, they have accomplished more than 300, from small to large scale projects in various cities like Saint-Petersburg, Madrid and Hong Kong.

In 2006, Autoban opened a gallery in Istanbul named 'Autoban Gallery' - showcasing the best of their continuously developing product designs. Since 2007, Autoban has been collaborating with Spain - Portugal based English firm De La Espada. Sold out in more than 50 points around the world, the products benefit from the complementary expertise of the two design firms. Autoban maintains creative control while De La Espada realises the designs through craftsmanship.

Since its first appearance in the international design world, Autoban has begun to be curiously followed by the foreign press. In 8 years, Autoban's interiors as well as product designs won more than 15 awards given by respectable international organizations, took part in 35 books and appeared in more than 500 publications.

Starting with 2 at Galata and now consisting of an office of 35 people at Tunel, Autoban; with its third partner Efe Aydar, who joined in 2007, currently run several projects abroad as well as continuous projects in Turkey, moving rapidly in time by creating unique experiences.

AWARDS

2012 ArkiPARC Real Estate Awards – Nef 04 Apartments

2012 Wallpaper* Design Awards 2012 “Best Bed” – Suite Bed

2011 Tatler Travel Guide 2012 “the 101 Best Hotels in the World list” - The House Hotel Bosphorus

2011 Sunday Times The 100 Best Hotels of the World- The House Hotel Nişantaşı

2011 Condé Nast Traveller Hot List – The House Hotel Nişantaşı

2010 EDIDA Turkey – Holy Table

2010 Design Turkey Superior Design Award - Nest

2010 HK Readers' Choice 2010 Award – 208 Duecento Otto “Best New Restaurant”

2010 Elle Decor Best Restaurant Award – 208 Duecento Otto

2009 EDIDA Turkey – Deco Sofa

2009 Condé Nast Traveller Hot List – Witt Istanbul

2008 Sunday Times Best Hotels of the World - Witt Istanbul

2008 EDIDA Turkey- Bergere Bed, Flying Spider

2008 Design Turkey Awards- Bergere, Woody, One Armed

2007 EDIDA Turkey-Pebble Table

2006 Wallpaper Best Restaurant Award – MüzedeChanga Restaurant

2005 Blueprint Bursary Winner

2005 Blueprint Best Newcomer

2004 Wallpaper Best Young Designers

Exhibitions

2011

Pan Amsterdam, Netherlands

Qubique, Germany

Istanbul Design Week, Turkey

London Design Week, UK

New York Design Week, USA

Milan I Saloni, Italy

Spagat! Istanbul Tasarimi, Germany

2010

Istanbul Design Week, Turkey

London Design Festival, UK

Oporto Show, Portugal

Belgrade Design Week, Sofia

New York Design Week, USA

Milan I Saloni, Italy

I-Deco, Turkey

2009

Copenhagen Design Week, Denmark

Istanbul Design Weekend, Turkey

Sofia Design Week, Bulgaria

London Design Week, UK

Detour, Hong Kong

2008

Zona Tortona, Milan Fair, Milano, Italy

Oporto Show, Portugal

Copenhagen Design Week, Denmark

2007

100% Design, London, UK

ICFF, New York, USA

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Maison&Objet, Paris, France

2004

AD Design Fair, Istanbul, Turkey

Saloon du Meuble/Design Lab., Paris, France

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