



## Chess design Konstantin Grcic

With the CHESS range of sheet metal cabinets, design company Magis exploits the potential of yet another specialized industry. Following on from the OFFICINA collection in wrought iron and the BRUT family in cast iron, CHESS was developed in close partnership with Fami, one of the leading Italian producers of high-quality metal cabinets.

It takes daring and vision to venture into a category of furniture typically associated with sturdy tool cabinets and office filing systems. The challenge was to create a design that remained true to the utilitarian genotype of this furniture, while domesticating it with carefully targeted interventions. Typecasting potential domestic applications for these cabinets laid the groundwork for a painstaking process of refinement.

CHESS comes in a range of sizes, and offers a choice between drawers and sliding doors. The cabinets are powder coated in signal white or wine red and feature solid oak handles across all models. The wood not only provides a comfortable interface with the furniture, but also adds a tactile material in contrast to the cold metal. Solid oak is also used for the recessed pedestals, which lift the cabinets elegantly off the floor. Each model from the CHESS range can be used as an independent storage unit or as a module within a larger arrangement of cabinets.

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