

“EVERY ARTIST CREATES MORE, OR LESS CONSCIOUSLY, FOR SOCIETY (...). BUT IT’S EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD, BUT NOT WITH US / POLAND/. I WILL ADMIT TO YOU THAT I HAVE HARDLY SLEPT TONIGHT. FROM EXCITEMENT. THE MATERIAL I USED FOR THE ARMCHAIRS EXCEEDED MY EXPECTATIONS OF DURABILITY, ETC. TODAY I KNOW: IT CAN BE USED TO MAKE TABLES, DESKS, WARDROBES. OF WHICH? WITH REFUSE, FOR A PITTANCE. THE MAN EXCITES LIKE A MANIAC. BUT THIS IS JUST FUN. MY ARTISTIC AND TECHNICAL PROJECTS ARE OF NO USE TO ANYONE. NEITHER ME NOR SOCIETY. IT’S WORK WITH NO FUTURE”.

Roman Modzelewski

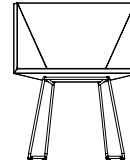
about his experiments with fiberglass RM58

PRODUCTS



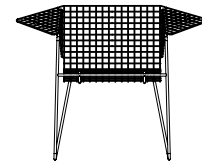
RM56

Plywood seat available in clear and color varnishes as well as in natural veneers.



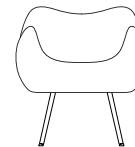
RM57

Upholstered poured polyurethane foam seat on a metal frame.



GRID 55

Steel metal mesh armchair available in varnishes as well as in satin and chrome finish.



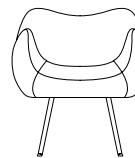
RM58 COMPOSITE

Composite seat available in red, black, white, yellow or green colored gelcoat.



RM58 MATTE/CLASSIC

Rotomolded polyethylene seat, in case of RM58 Classic varnished to a high gloss.



RM58 SOFT

Upholstered version of the historic RM58, available in, available in 3 different leg versions.

STORY

VZOR aims at creating a collection based on the timeless icons of Polish mid-century furniture which in the future shall include designs of prominent contemporary creators. The brand concept represents a coherent model of industrialization of the Polish valuable and timeless historic designs that have not been marketed due to political and socio-economic reasons. The brand debuted in June 2012, introducing into the market the iconic Roman Modzelewski armchair (RM58) which original piece is in the permanent collection of Victoria & Albert Museum in London. In the years 2015-2017 the brand put into sales the remaining armchairs from the collection, namely RM56 and RM57, and of an upholstered version of RM58, designed from scratch. In 2018 the brand launched the first piece from its second collection by Prof. Czesław Knothe (GRID55).

Roman Modzelewski Born in 1912 in Łódź, Lithuania. Died in 1997 in Łódź, Poland. He was a painter, designer, and a teacher. An avant-garde creator, an interdisciplinary artist. He graduated at the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw, and shared his career with the Łódź Academy of Fine Arts since its foundation in 1945. He was a long-standing professor and Rector of the Łódź Academy, being also the first Rector elected there. Initially he was influenced by impressionism, then experimenting with form and colour, he moved towards "solarism", and cubism later on. The language of abstraction, geometry of form, symbolism of colour and significance of texture were important issues in his paintings. His furniture designs were recognized for their innovative form and the application of modern materials. Completed in 1958, the armchair made of fiberglass (RM58) was a pioneering application of this material in Poland. From the formal side, it is a unique example on a world-wide scale of the fully-formed, homogeneous organic crust of the seat.

Roman Modzelewski sitting on one of the first versions of the RM58 armchair that was designed and crafted by himself.

ACCORDING TO THE CONCEPT
OF VZOR ITS PRODUCTS
ARE MANUFACTURED IN
POLAND USING THE BEST
MODERN TECHNOLOGIES
AND MATERIALS, TAKING
ADVANTAGE OF THE
INTERNATIONALLY RENOWED
PRODUCTION POTENTIAL AND
CAPACITIES OF POLAND IN
THE AREA OF FURNITURE
& CREATIVE INDUSTRIES



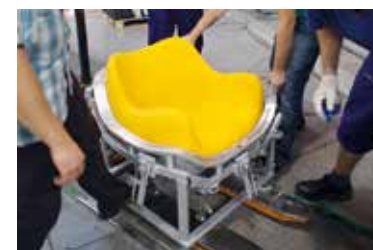
MATRIX FILLED WITH PE POWDER



BAKING & ROTATING PROCESS



COOLING DOWN

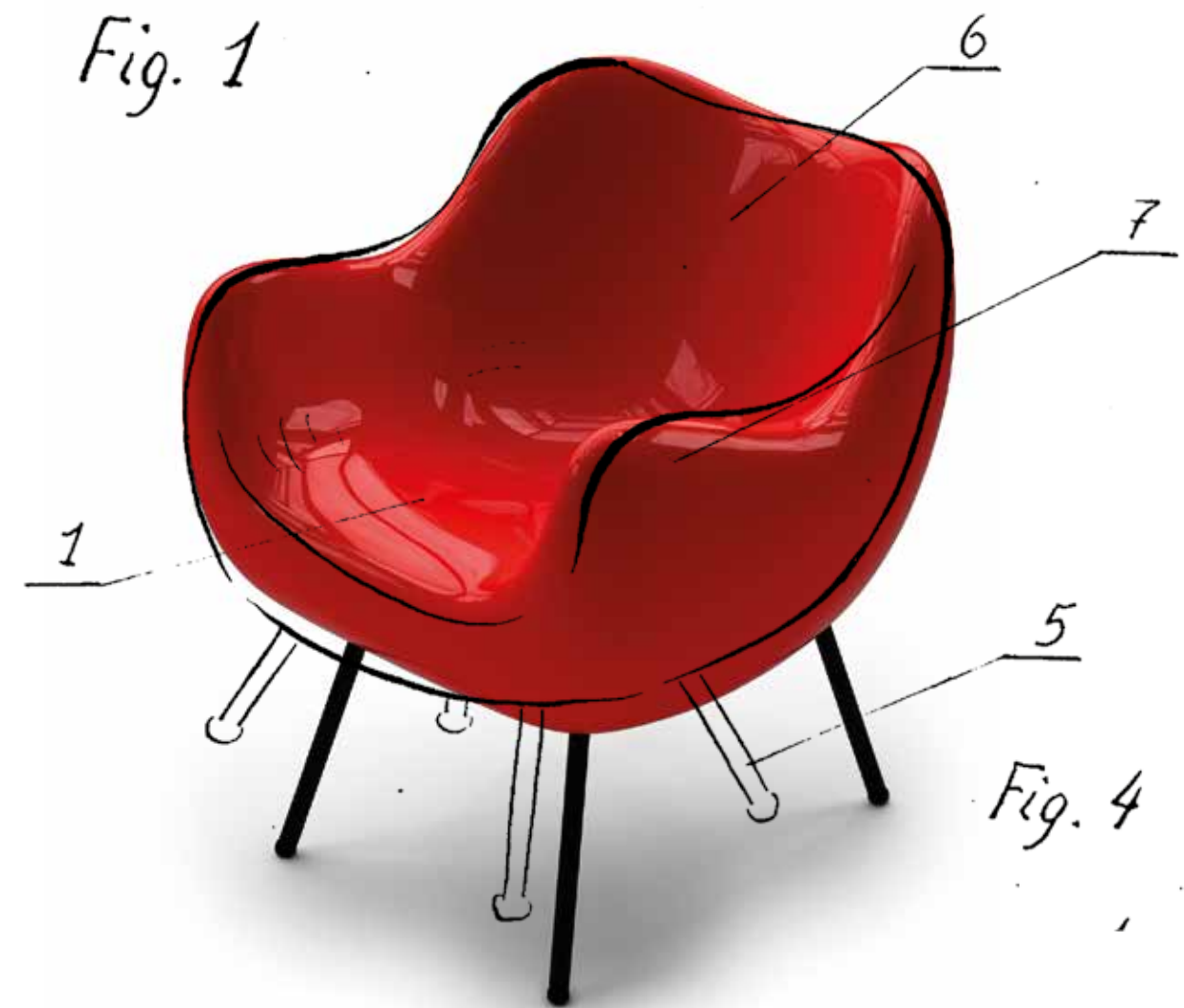


FINISHING & FURTHER PROCESSING

ORIGINAL HISTORIC DESIGN

The RM58 armchair was the first item in the Roman Modzelewski collection implemented by the VZOR and its production is an example of how the brand plans to operate. The chair is a modern version of the groundbreaking armchair designed by Roman Modzelewski. Handmade in 1958, it was one of the earliest Polish examples of polyester-glass laminate furniture, but its innovativeness lay not only in the materials used in its production. The fully-closed organic form of the seat had no counterpart in its time, either in Poland or elsewhere. One of the earliest surviving prototypes (in white) was purchased for the permanent design collection of the Victoria and Albert Museum, London. The use of new materials and industrial technologies in the production of the RM58 armchair by VZOR made it possible to overcome the constraints of craft manufacturing and to offer a product of consistently high quality which can be produced quickly and relatively cheaply, in large batches. It also allowed for a matte version of the armchair, providing new aesthetic appeal in a variety of new, modern colors specially chosen in consultation with the patent holder, Roman Modzelewski's widow, Wera Modzelewska.

PUT INTO SERIAL PRODUCTION
IN THE 21ST CENTURY



RM56

**SIMPLE PERFECTION
IN ONE PIECE OF ART**

VZOR

RM56 (plywood) is the trade name of a chair from the collection of furniture designed by Professor Roman Modzelewski. Work on the seat form led to introduction of many modifications invisible to the eye but important from the perspective of ergonomics and performance. Use of industrial manufacturing technologies allowed to avoid constraints related to craft manufacturing and to offer

a product with fixed quality parameters which can be produced fast and relatively cheap, in large batches. The total redesign of the chair manufacturing technology made it possible to connect the legs with the seat shell in a durable way without having to drill the seat out, which significantly improved the aesthetic value.



RM56

A side chair with its seat made of one piece of plywood set on a metal abstract-form structure.

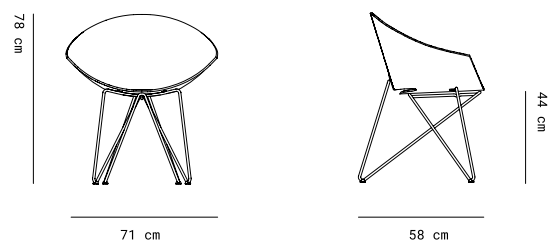
Seat

plywood available in clear and color varnishes as well as in natural veneers

Legs

steel rod, available in several color varnishes as well as in satin and chrome finish

Dimensions



Story

The seat prototype was created in the 1950s and was made of plywood. The organic-shaped seat was set on a metal abstract-form structure. It was one of the first times when the plastic properties of plywood were used in the Polish furniture making. In 1956, Roman Modzelewski repeated the design in winidur – PVC. An armchair in this material version won the second prize in the category of individual furniture at the 2nd National Interior Design Exhibition in Warsaw in 1957. The first test implementation of the armchair under the VZOR brand took place in 2012.



RM57

GEOMETRIC SHAPE
SOFT TO THE TOUCH

VZOR

The only prototype of RM57 was made in 1957. The chair is an expression of passion for abstract forms, key to art and design by Roman Modzelewski. It stands out from the furniture by this author for its exploration of composition, with the primacy of geometry of forms using simple diagonal lines. The first test implementation of the chair under

the VZOR brand took place in 2012. The design thinking process resulted in a formally attractive and yet comfortable single upholstered seat. Complete redesign of the seat manufacturing technologies, in particular its internal structure, enabled us to offer a product faithful to the original that at the same time guarantees surprising comfort.



RM57

Guest and side chair in one that offers fresh look and great comfort.

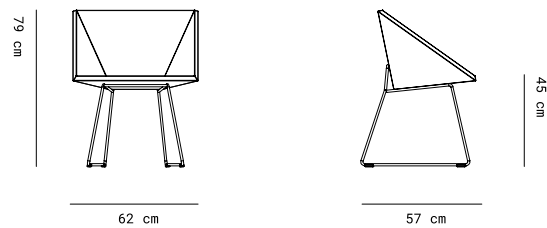
Seat

upholstered polyurethane foam, available in over 80 fabrics

Legs

steel rod, available in several color varnishes as well as in satin and chrome finish

Dimensions



Story

The RM57 armchair is an expression of penchant for abstract forms that are the key element in the art and design activity of Roman Modzelewski. Among furniture created by this designer, it stands out as a search for structure which is dominated by geometry composed of straight, diagonal lines. The structure-oriented way of thinking resulted in an armchair that is attractive from a formal perspective and comfortable from a practical one and which is the only upholstered seat by Modzelewski.



GRID55

**BASIC MATERIAL
& COMPLEX FORM**

VZOR

A wire mesh chair prototyped in 1955 by Prof. Czesław Knothe is the first piece of his design in VZOR offer. Similarly as in the case of the Roman Modzelewski collection by VZOR, it is based on the same rules and values. Lack of materials typical for socialist Poland forced Knothe to experiment with wire mesh that was widely available. As a

result he created an armchair with an unusually light form. Although the famous wire Diamond chair by Harry Bertoia had become known to the world three years earlier, Knothe's design was considered as very innovative and extremely comfortable, as for that time period.



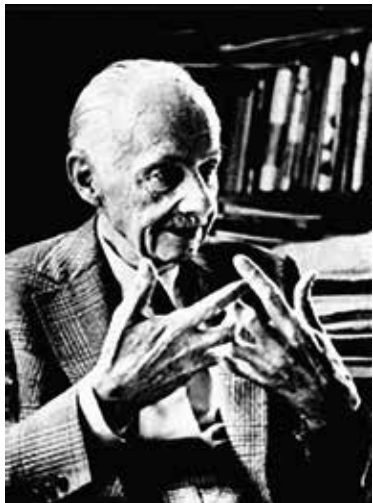
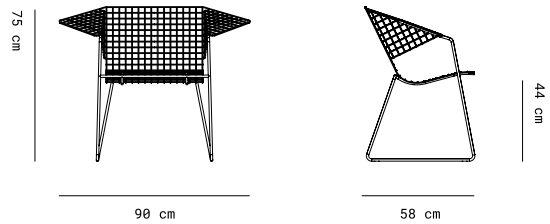
GRID55

The only prototype of the metal wire mesh armchair by Czesław Knothe is stored in the National Museum in Warsaw.

Seat & Legs

steel rod, available in several color varnishes as well as in satin and chrome finish

Dimensions



Designer

CZESŁAW KNOTHE (1890-1985) – a plastic artist, architect and furniture designer. Since 1926, he was a member of the “ŁAD” Artist Cooperative, later he became its long-term director. Aside from working as a designer, he also taught in the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw. Author of numerous furniture designs for use in public, office and home interiors. One of the first Polish designers who experimented with new materials in furniture making.



RM58 COMPOSITE

The RM58 composite is the most faithful implementation version of the groundbreaking armchair designed by Roman Modzelewski. It is made using modern composites that are the contemporary equivalents of polyester and glass laminates originally used by Modzelewski in 1958.

In analogy to the historical version, the Composite is made using modern technologies applied in yacht construction. In order to provide a high-quality finish and lasting durability, the surface of the seat is covered with a color gelcoat (epoxy resin).

RM58 CLASSIC/MATTE

The RM58 classic and matte are both the modern versions of the historic Roman Modzelewski chair. Thanks to the rotational moulding technology the historical model of the armchair was reproduced, this time as a piece of furniture

prepared for serial production using new technologies and materials. The precisely developed form constitutes a 100% replica of the original.



RM58 COMPOSITE

The premium version of RM58, custom-made in a shipyard using modern technologies applied in yacht construction. The lightest & the most enduring version of RM58.

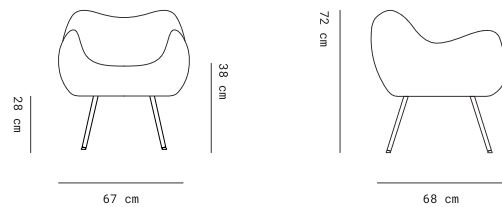
Seat

composite available in red, black, white, yellow or green colored gelcoat

Legs

powder coated steel, matte black with anti-slip ends

Dimensions



Story

One of the original RM58 pieces was purchased by London's Victoria & Albert Museum for its world design collection. The armchair was presented by V&A at its exhibition "Cold War Modern: Design 1945-1970" devoted to modern design, architecture, film and pop culture created during the Cold War on both sides of the Iron Curtain. The armchair was among the items at the exhibition of the National Museum in Warsaw entitled "We Want to Be Modern. Polish Design 1955-1968" which presented Polish design icons. Two original RM58 armchairs are also part of the permanent collection of the Modern Design Centre of the National Museum in Warsaw.

RM58 CLASSIC/MATTE

The production of the RM58 armchair using industrial technologies allowed to avoid constraints related to craft manufacturing and to offer a product with fixed quality parameters which can be produced fast and relatively cheap, in large batches.

Seat

rotomolded color polyethylene seat; in case of Classic version varnished to a high gloss

Legs

powder coated steel, matte black with anti-slip ends



RM58 SOFT

RESTFUL VERSION OF THE ICON

VZOR

An upholstered version of RM58 is a completely new version of the Polish design classic: RM58 by Professor Roman Modzelewski. Designed from scratch and slightly larger seat made of upholstered foam ensures comfort

and optimal utility value while preserving the unique historical form. The armchair is available in a wide range of fabrics and colours on four legs and on a swivel leg with a flat or four-arm base.



RM58 SOFT

A contemporary serially produced upholstered version of the historical RM58 armchair, available in over 80 fabrics.

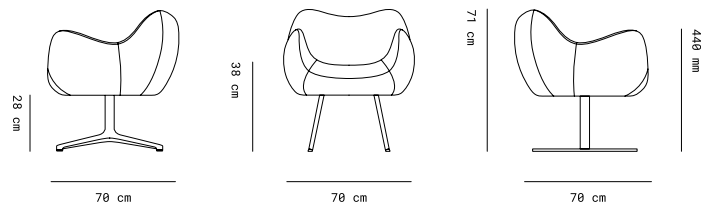
Seat

upholstered poured polyurethane foam available in wide range of fabrics as well as in premium leather

Legs

varnished metal, polished aluminum or chromed steel

Dimensions



Story

Implementation of RM58 soft marks a breakthrough for development of VZOR. The first 3 years of the company's operations were devoted to perfecting the production process of different variants of the RM58 and testing the pre-production versions of other pieces from the Prof. Modzelewski collection. The experience gained allowed to launch implementation work to prepare for serial production of the remaining chairs from the collection, namely RM56 and RM57, and of an upholstered version of RM58, designed from scratch. The presentation of the complete Roman Modzelewski collection crowns this stage of the company development and marks the beginning of a new, full-fledged development of our company.



LOOKBOOK



Frame from the movie "Mr. Anatol in search for a million" (pol. "Pan Anatol szuka miliona"), directed by Jan Rybkowski;; Release date: 1959;
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Kapelanka - Office buildings complex Cracow Poland,
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"The eight day of the week" (pol. "Ósmy dzień tygodnia"), directed by Aleksander Ford; Release date: 1958; ©SF KADR, SF TOR, SF ZEBRA, the National Film Archive; Royalties: SF KADR; Screenplay by: Marek Hłasko, Starring: Zbigniew Cybulski.



Yeti building Cracow Poland, architect Jacek Krych, Photo Jakub Certowicz



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Four Domes Pavilion, National Museum Wrocław Poland





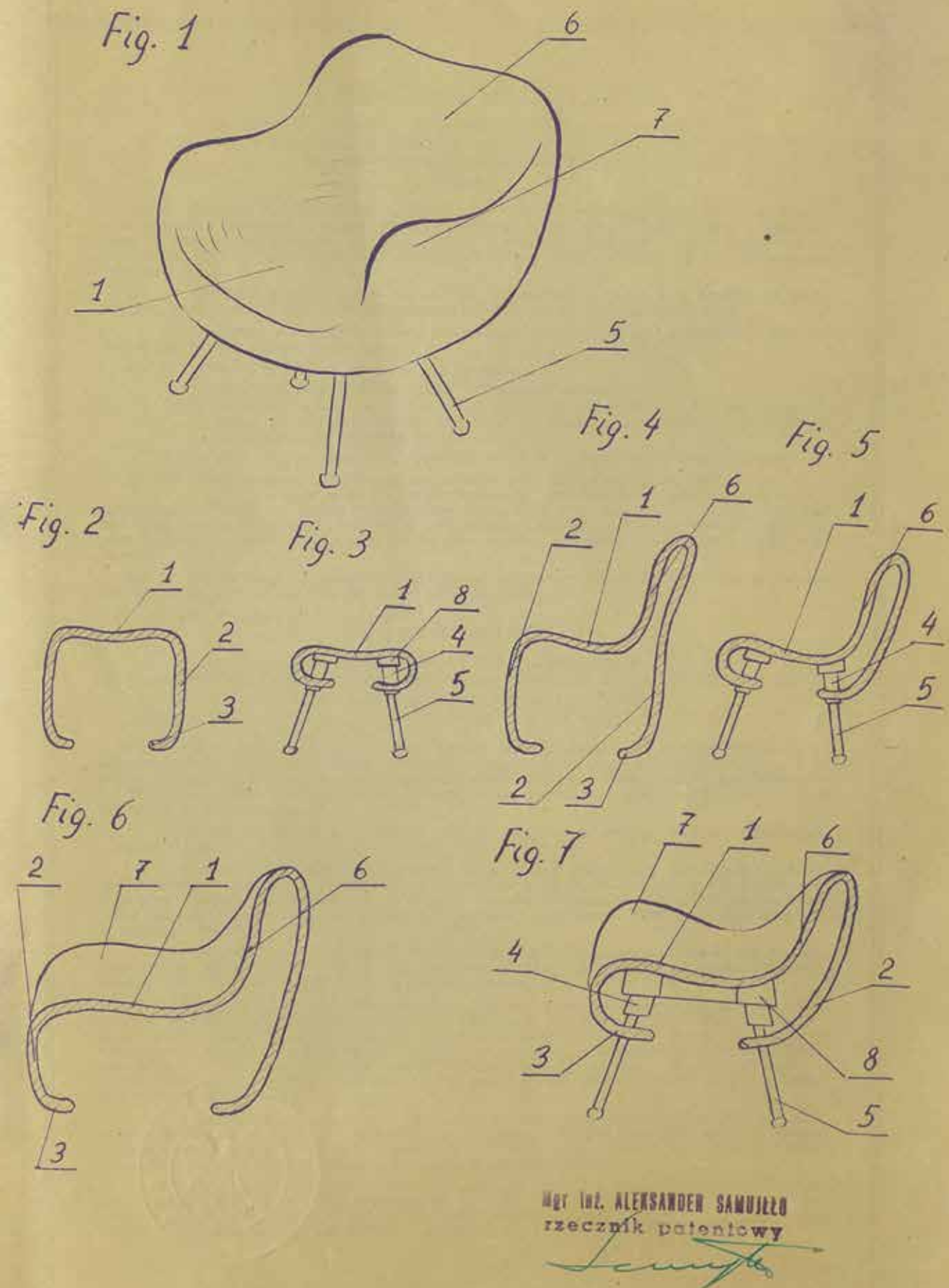








The patent certificate for RM58 from 1962.

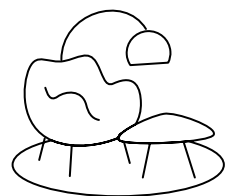


**VZOR
PROMOTES
POLISH DESIGN**

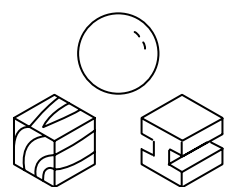


MINIATURES COLLECTION

A line of miniatures of all of Roman Modzelewski's furniture designs was produced as part of a program dedicated to promoting Polish design worldwide. The project was realized by VZOR in collaboration with the Adam Mickiewicz Institute / CULTURE.PL



ORIGINAL
MID-CENTURY DESIGN



QUALITY MATERIALS
& MODERN TECHNOLOGIES



BEST VALUE FOR
COMPETITIVE PRICE

