

# Kokema Design



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Kokema Design is a Helsinki-based design office founded by Sabina Dontcheff in 2013. The firm specializes in comprehensive interior and architectural design in Finland and abroad. The design principles of the studio are respecting the opinions and resources of customers, finding a flexible balance between aesthetics and functionality, and active interaction between stakeholders throughout the design process. The name Kokema derives from the word "experience". Providing unique experiences through spaces is at the core of Kokema's work.

Today, we need more and more facilities that have a positive impact on us. Offices are not just places to work and meet colleagues - they are also places where you can recharge yourself with enthusiasm and a good mood. The Aspo office project was designed to create a Zen office atmosphere where representativeness and peace of mind meet. The minimalist colour scheme is complemented by the green elements that form the core of the interior design idea.

The project aimed to create representative office accommodation with one element that gives the space a clear, distinctive feature. The idea was that this element would change shape depending on the space, creating a continuous theme that runs throughout the office. This idea



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was implemented with a green plant stand -system explicitly designed for this project. The stand -element is present and connects the entire office, first at the entrance, adding a touch of personality to the meeting rooms and, as a unifying factor of the office, in the kitchen. It is subdued and unobtrusive as an interior decor item but works especially in composition with flowers and lighting.

The stunning project began a few years ago when the furniture store owner Skanno proposed a collaboration; it was about furnishing three valuable apartments in Moscow. One was 400 square meters in size and located on the top floor of a well-known, valuable property in the centre of Moscow. The customer was very quality-conscious, and his expectations of the designer's work and the collection of the furniture supplier were high. This inspired us and, at the same time, set the bar high enough. The style and atmosphere of the home were expected to be very presentable yet relaxed and cosy. High ceilings, up to five metres in the living room, had to be designed decorative but not too imposing. Important spaces such as the hallway and living room had to be memorable. The designers' motto, "design is in detail", was strongly present in this project as well.

Lighting design is a substantial part of Kokema's expertise. It is based on the belief that without proper lighting, the appearance of the space suffers, and the wall materials do not stand out. These principles were used when designing the lighting in the apartment. Combining direct and indirect lighting created a spectacular and, at the same time, pleasant atmosphere. Tranquillity, quality, and timeless style were the project's goals and achieved in collaboration with all parties.



