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## **Famed Designer Brings Inspiration To The Denver Design Community**

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**Lakewood, CO October 15, 2009** – Teammates Commercial Interiors welcomed renowned designer Carl Magnusson to the Denver area this week. Carl presented at Teammates Showroom as part of a two-day tour that included presentations to the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) and prominent Denver design firms. The event was sponsored by Teknion, LLC. For whom Carl has designed a number of award winning products.

“Innovation is a unique combination of existing ideas.” Through a series of images Carl described how keen observation and an open mind can drive great design.

To kick off his IIDA presentation, Carl gave the audience a first hand demonstration of innovative design. Equipped with only a stop watch and an electric screw driver - Carl assembled his award winning Synapse guest chair in just three minutes. The sturdy and sustainable Synapse chair; which Carl designed for Teknion, LLC. is comprised of only five parts and assembles in less than five minutes.

For Teknion, Carl has also designed the award winning Marketplace freestanding Systems furniture – Marketplace reinvents the worktable, achieving an uninterrupted and unsupported span up to 20 feet that fosters creativity and collaboration in team-based office environments.

### **About Carl Magnusson and CGM Design**

Swedish born and educated in architecture and design, Carl Magnusson has dedicated his career to the profession of design. After working with the Office of Ray & Charles Eames in Venice CA, opened his namesake design studio in Rudolf Schindlers House in North Hollywood. With Knoll, he worked for some 29 years as director of design in Europe and North America. He has designed many showrooms, exhibits, graphic program and products for Knoll and co-designed with Emanuela Frattini, several products for MoMA. In 1997 co-founded The Knoll Museum, the most comprehensive display of any furniture manufacturer. He lectures on design matters for clients such as BMW, Knoll, and judges for international design competitions. His New York based firm CGM Design, serves automotive and furniture related companies in design strategy and product design.

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### **About Teammates Commercial Interiors**

Teammates Commercial Interiors, a Lakewood based, privately held office furniture dealer was founded in 1995 by Michael Berkery and Bob Neuman, two friends with strong backgrounds in the commercial furniture industry. Locally owned and

manufacturer-independent, Teammates offers a wide range of office furniture, including everything from desks and seating to cubicle and movable wall systems. The company offers more than 200 different product lines but focuses on a core group of 20 manufacturers, including its flagship product line: Teknion. In 2001 Teammates was named to the Inc. 500 list, a designation earned for being one of the "Top 500 Fastest Growing Private Companies". In 2006, Teammates located to a new and modern facility located at Belmar, often referred to as Lakewood's "newest hot spot". Teammates can be reached at (303) 639-5885, or [www.team-mates.com](http://www.team-mates.com).

#### **About Teknion Corporation**

Teknion is an international designer, manufacturer and marketer of office systems and related products, including storage and filing, seating, caseworks, tables, and ergonomic furniture. Teknion's corporate headquarters is based in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The U.S. headquarters is located in Mount Laurel, New Jersey. Since its inception in 1981, Teknion has grown to approximately 3,200 employees worldwide and has approximately 3 million square feet of facilities, including manufacturing plants, showrooms, corporate headquarters and sales offices. The company operates 12 manufacturing around the world Today the company's extensive product line is sold in over 50 countries through a network of more than 385 authorized dealers around the globe.