

‘USM RECORD SHOP’
USM Collaborate with Symbol Audio and The Vinyl Factory
for the London Design Festival 2026

For the London Design Festival 2026, USM Modular Furniture collaborate with Symbol Audio and The Vinyl Factory, hosting ‘USM RECORD SHOP’ at the USM store, Marylebone.

USM has a longstanding, collaboration with US based, Symbol Audio – working together on furniture specifically for the display and storage of vinyl. Display Cabinets, Record Stands, a DJ Booth, Audio and Media Consoles and Vinyl Crates are now part of the core USM Modular Furniture collection, developed originally by Symbol Audio and with both listeners and the design conscious in mind.

Within the context of a working record shop, for LDF USM will launch new **USM Speaker Modules** from Symbol Audio to the UK market. The collection of precision-engineered, sound solutions integrate seamlessly within the architectural constructs of existing USM Modular furniture. Pieces include Speakers, Subwoofers with Each design comes with special grilles and rear panels for cable management.

A collaboration with The Vinyl Factory, a globally renowned record label, pressing plant, magazine and curator/collaborator for audio-visual arts, allows visitors to browse a selection of new and old vinyl, experience DJ sets co-curated with USM, have coffee in a bespoke bar from Origin, and learn more on the history of Vinyl and the influence that music has had, on contemporary design.

‘USM RECORD SHOP’ reflects the cultural significance and journey through time, of Vinyl, of design and in a space that celebrates not only music, but the versatility of USM Modular Furniture on a growing domestic and commercial, fashion-led settings.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- ‘USM RECORD SHOP’ will take place at USM, 12 Cramer Street, Marylebone, London, W1U 4EA, from September 12-20
- Opening Hours: Monday-Friday, 10.00-19.00, 12.00-18.00 on weekends
- Curated DJ sets and a coffee bar in collaboration with Origin, will run throughout the week

ABOUT USM

Based in Switzerland, USM has been designing and manufacturing timeless and high-quality Modular Furniture, for over 60 years. Taking its initials from Founder, Ulrich Schärer, and Münsingen, the Swiss village where he was born, since its creation in 1885 as a metal factory, USM has kept roots in Münsingen, Switzerland

The USM system – designed by architect Fritz Haller and engineer Paul Schärer, comprises 3 basic elements - a tube joint, colourful, powder coated metal panels, and chrome plated steel balls. The tailor-made, interior and storage solutions, found in some of the world's most fashion-led and creative settings - can be expanded over time, reconfigured, and adapted to evolving interior styles. All USM pieces are created from high-quality materials, for strength, durability and are intended to last for generations.

Today USM Modular Furniture is now seen in some of the world's most high profile and fashion-led interior settings. Globally recognised as a true design classic and in 2001 USM Modular Furniture was formally accepted into the permanent Design Collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York (MoMA).

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ABOUT SYMBOL AUDIO

Symbol design and manufacture furniture which has a long-term functional and emotional value, for the people who use it. The focus is and always will be, design that goes beyond solutions to deliver furniture with having and keeping. In doing so, Symbol strive to lighten the furniture footprint on the planet and take new responsibility in the process with a fully local approach to design and manufacturing – designed and made in America. Symbol collaborates with USM on a capsule collection of Audio and Vinyl storage and display products designed in New York, made in Switzerland. The USM Speaker Module Collection is a subsequent group of products built around a precision-engineered audio solution designed to integrate seamlessly with existing USM systems, delivering balanced, room-filling sound.

ABOUT THE VINYL FACTORY

The Vinyl Factory is the world's foremost vinyl enterprise: a record label, pressing plant, magazine and curator/collaborator for artists and musicians to explore new ideas in audio-visual arts. Its label releases limited editions made in collaboration with musicians and artists — among them Daft Punk, Marina Abramović, Massive Attack, Christian Marclay, Thom Yorke and Yussef Dayes — accompanied by events and performances. For the London Design Festival, The Vinyl Factory brings a curated selection of records to USM Marylebone, alongside the programme of DJ sets across the week

ABOUT ORIGIN

For over two decades, Origin has sourced, roasted, brewed and educated with integrity. Empowering innovation and creativity from producer to cup, we elevate how speciality coffee is experienced, understood and valued. Transparency has always been at the core of Origin Coffee. As a certified B Corp and one of the UK's longest-standing speciality roasters, Origin sources, roasts, educates, and brews with integrity, building mutually beneficial, long-term relationships with producers around the world and spearheading projects that support a more sustainable and equitable future for the coffee industry. Origin's commitment to quality and accountability has earned numerous awards, including *Best Speciality Coffee Roaster in Europe** for two consecutive years (2023 and 2024), and *Most Sustainable Brand** (2025). **The*

European Coffee and Hospitality Awards Founded in Cornwall in 2004 by Tom Sobey, Origin continues to influence and elevate the UK speciality coffee landscape through innovation, education and relentless pursuit of excellence. Today, Origin operates seven coffee shops across the UK, works with an extensive community of hospitality partners, and serves a growing subscriber base.