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## **Loft style in the countryside Thonet's tubular steel cantilever chairs add touch of luxury to a contemporary family home**

Architect Carsten Joost has created a home for his family near Hamburg, Germany in a modern cubic design with minimalist aesthetics, bringing his unique interpretation of loft style out into the countryside. His deliberate use of raw, authentic materials, such as irregularly structured exposed concrete and traditional clinker brickwork, creates a connection to the rural surroundings. For the seating, the family selected classic chairs from Thonet. Their minimalist shape fits perfectly with the design concept and the family loves them for their timeless design, high quality and lasting comfort.



The open-plan living and dining areas in the house's lower level serve as a hub for the family of five and feature expansive windows that allow the occupants to experience the different seasons and times of the day up close. Upstairs, the rooms are more closed and intimate, providing space for quiet retreat. The bedrooms and bathrooms are also located on this floor, as is a home office.

For the furniture, Joost chose Thonet's iconic tubular-steel cantilever chairs. Six S 64 chairs by Marcel Breuer surround the dining table (design: 1938) in the stained black beech version with natural canework. The S 43 chair, designed by Mart Stam in 1931, with stained black wood elements has also been placed in various locations throughout the house. Joost and his wife were both drawn to the models' minimalist design, which perfectly unites function and form as well as new and old. Both designs juxtapose black-stained wood elements with elegantly gleaming tubular steel. "The chairs blend subtly into the overall house concept without distracting from it. The chair frames, for example, glisten in the sunlight creating reflections of light that we deliberately incorporated into the design," explains Carsten Joost. Ultimately, the chairs have also proved their worth through their unparalleled comfort, even after years of use. "The chairs are unbelievably comfortable. And, in the end, that is what really matters when it comes to seating."

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