

An Architectural Icon: Knoll Reintroduces Cini Boeri's Brigadier Sofa

East Greenville, PA, October 22, 2026 -- Knoll announces the reintroduction of the Brigadier Sofa Collection by Cini Boeri, bringing a design icon back for a new generation. Brigadier reflects Boeri's distinctive architectural approach to design and embodies her signature juxtapositions: balancing structure and softness, alongside innovation and practicality.

Originally designed nearly 50 years ago in 1978, the collection's return reinforces the Knoll commitment to offering timeless designs that remain relevant for evolving lifestyles. This revival carries on Boeri's design vision, while updating proportions and introducing a rich new palette, including a new Midnight Blue lacquer finish and an extensive array of upholstery options.

An influential Italian architect and designer, Boeri created work grounded in an understanding of how interiors influence the way people feel and interact, and the belief that they should inspire joy. She designed furniture that could be truly lived in, bringing comfort and character to everyday life.

"Boeri's contribution to Knoll is indelible. Brigadier is a radically simplified design object, and one of the first designs that that drew from reductivist art practices of the 60s and 70s, anticipating the elemental forms that shape today's interiors," commented Jonathan Olivares, Knoll Creative Director. "Beyond furniture, her 1976 Knoll Paris showroom on Boulevard Saint Germain showroom is a landmark of design and still stands today."

A departure from Boeri's earlier designs, Brigadier stands out through its highly structured frame. Exemplifying the Knoll philosophy of total design, Brigadier's monumental, sculptural presence anchors the room while remaining in dialogue with it. Its lacquer finishes reflect its surroundings, and its low profile promotes openness and uninterrupted sightlines. The collection includes two sofa sizes—a two-seat and three-seat option—and a lounge chair.

Brigadier Sofa's inviting proportions and ample upholstery naturally beckon people to gather, connect, and socialize. Whether serving as the focal point of a great room, defining zones within a contemporary loft-style apartment, or creating a welcoming statement in a hotel lobby, Brigadier responds to contemporary lifestyles and reflects the brand's dedication to producing designs that resonate across generations.

Learn more and purchase the [Brigadier Collection](#).

About Cini Boeri

Cini Boeri was an Italian architect and industrial designer known for exploring ideas of expandability and pliability across architecture, furniture, and lighting. Throughout the 1970s, she designed Knoll showrooms in France, Germany, Italy, and USA while leading her own architecture studio in Milan. Cini Boeri was honored with the prestigious Compasso d'Oro Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011. *La casa di Cini Boeri*, a 2025 documentary directed by Maddalena Bregani, explores the life and work of this influential designer.

About Knoll

Knoll brings order and beauty to workplace, hospitality, and residential environments. Founded in New York City in 1938, the furniture and interiors brand is known for design collaborations with the architects, artists, and designers who shape our cultural zeitgeist. The Knoll portfolio features works from modernist greats including Eero Saarinen, Marcel Breuer, and Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, alongside new furniture designed by contemporary provocateurs like Willo Perron, Jonathan Muecke, and architecture firm Johnston Marklee. With a relational approach that considers color, material, finish, and form, Knoll allows architects and designers to deliver a complete experience of space. Learn more at [Knoll.com](#).

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