Museum für Gestaltung Zürich Freundeskreis

Edition 2025



La Main ouverte, 1955

Le Corbusier (Charles-Édouard Jeanneret-Gris) Lithograph
Rives handmade paper 300 g/m2
J. E. Wolfensberger AG, Zurich
Edition of 500
64 × 42 cm
signed on the stone
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Frame, 75 × 43 × 7 cm [h x w x d] Oiled oak, museum glass UV 92

CHF 160 / 128 (members), unframed CHF 700 / CHF 560 (members), framed available at the museums and the Pavillon Le Corbusier / only available unframed in the eShop

"La Main ouverte," the Open Hand, first appeared in Le Corbusier's oeuvre in the mid-1940s. Like so many motifs in the architect's art, it was continually reused and reinterpreted. For Le Corbusier, the Open Hand is a strong symbol standing for openness, flexibility, and the integrative approach he took to architecture. For him, architecture revolved around people and could serve as a tool for improving their domestic surroundings and their lives. In this edition, the Open Hand floats like a bird before a deep blue sky and above a stylized bay. The sky and water are separated by a distinct horizon, another constitutive element in the designer's visual vocabulary. Le Corbusier used this print in 1955 as the basis for a poster advertising an exhibition of his important portfolio "Le poême de l'angle droit" at the Galerie Berggruen in Paris. The Circle of Friends is now reissuing the beautiful print as a high-quality lithograph in seven colors produced by Thomi Wolfensberger.