

Salone del Mobile 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

IT'S THE ONE WEEK OF THE YEAR THAT MILAN ISN'T ALL ABOUT FASHION AND FOOD: SALONE DEL MOBILE, WHEN FURNITURE COMPANIES, DESIGNERS AND ARCHITECTS GATHER TO SHOWCASE THEIR BEST AND LATEST TO THE WORLD. HERE WE SUM UP THE HIGHLIGHTS OF 2013.

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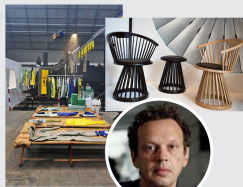
FIRST AND FOREMOST

Milan design week is always the right time to debut world firsts. These design veterans did just that:



PHILIPPE NIGRO

The industrial designer debuted his first full-range collection for Hermès during this year's Salone del Mobile. The nine-piece collection is named Les Nécessaires d'Hermès, and has been derived from essential home items. Nigro designed each piece to be both versatile and functional. The designs were showcased alongside other bespoke furniture, fabrics and wall coverings in a miniature house.



TOM DIXON

Probably one of the most anticipated exhibitions of every year, Tom Dixon did not disappoint in 2013, debuting a clothing collection. The British designer collaborated with Adidas to create versatile, reversible garments under the theme of a one-week backpack arrangement.



PATRICIA URQUIOLA

It's surprising to know that up until now, there was still something left Patricia Urquiola had not done in her design career. That thing was a fabric collection. But this year, the designer has collaborated with the famed Danish textile brand Kvadrat on a debut curtain and upholstery textile line that plays with texture and depth. Launched with her new line for Moroso, we can picture the fabrics used perfectly alongside these latest furniture pieces.

RE-MASTER!



Louis Poulsen PH 5 lamp is an icon. But this year, the brand dressed up its classic design with new colours – soft white, rose pink, army green and dark green – and added an LED light bulb that's just right for the backdrop of any interior.

KITCHEN PROJECT

MILAN DESIGN WEEK NEVER TASTED BETTER. MANY DESIGNERS AND STUDIOS ROLLED OUT NEW INVENTIONS TO MATCH YOUR TASTY HOMEMADE DISHES WITH EVEN MORE STYLE APPEAL.



Seletti's latest collaboration with TOILETPAPER magazine editors Maurizio Cattelan and Pierpaolo Ferrari would light up any meal. Swap your fine china for these plunger and horse motif plates. Now you can really play with your food.

Cookies are about to get a makeover with these olive wood patterned kitchen stamps from STUDIOLAV. From hounds tooth to herringbone, cookies become style statements.

IT'S A MAN'S WORLD



East pendant lamp, FORESTER, available at WE'DO GALLERY

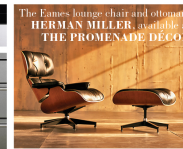
Practically everyone works towards being able to afford and maintain a bachelor pad, even bachelorettes. This month we're all about the independent, suave and effortlessly stylish guy who *doesn't* live in a cramped studio apartment stacked with futons and udon noodles. They say your home reflects everything about you so why not make it *everything*? From a place you'd be happy to spend Sunday morning to a place you'd be proud to host a guys' night in. We're not saying build a basketball court or a whisky bar in the middle of the living room (although wouldn't that be something) but why not make the most out of your space? We've rounded up bits of everything, from a bar by Giorgetti to a lounge chair that is both decorative and perfect for a lazy night in. Make it every man-child's dream with high-tech playthings – even a remote control toilet. Everyone knows a playboy's real playing field is his apartment, but these things might make overnight guests overstay their welcome. With a pad like this, we'd be willing to stay bachelors.



Bar/lounge table, ALEXANDER LAMONT



Dual gas and electric range cooker, WOLF



The Emes lounge chair and ottoman, HERMAN MILLER, available at THE PROMENADE DECOR



SensoWash Starck shower toilet seat, DURAVIT, available at DM HOME



Decolourised carpet, CARPET RELOADED, available at WE'DO GALLERY



INO bar cabinet, GIORGETTI, available at EURO CREATIONS



Surround sofa with iPod dock and built-in speakers, NATUZZI, available at EURO CREATIONS



Botticelli bed with rounded headboard, ARMANI/CASA, available at DM HOME

MEN'S ESSENTIALS

FOUR THINGS THAT SHOULD BE PRESENT IN EVERY SINGLE MAN'S HOME – TO BE USED AS DECORATIVE ITEMS, WORKOUT ITEMS OR CHICK MAGNETS!



WELLNESS RACK WEIGHT KIT, TECHNOGYM
He may or may not use it, but this striking white dumbbell set will surely impress any girl who walks in.



IHC DOUBLE ROCK GLASS, LUGARIS
Add a modern urban dude twist to your classy bar.



CARBON FIBRE POKER SET, ALFRED DUNHILL
Strip poker! Magic trick! Endless possibilities to do with cards.



SHAVING 1.2.3. BAXTER OF CALIFORNIA
A classic shaving kit makes a glibly dude become a well-groomed gentleman.

WANT TO SEE MY DVD COLLECTION?

Expect to see some of these bachelors' favourites when you follow that corng pick-up line.



From top: The Godfather (1972) (or Al Pacino box set), Boardwalk Empire box set, The Dark Knight (2008), The Graduate (1967) and Fight Club (1999)