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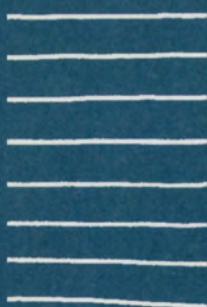
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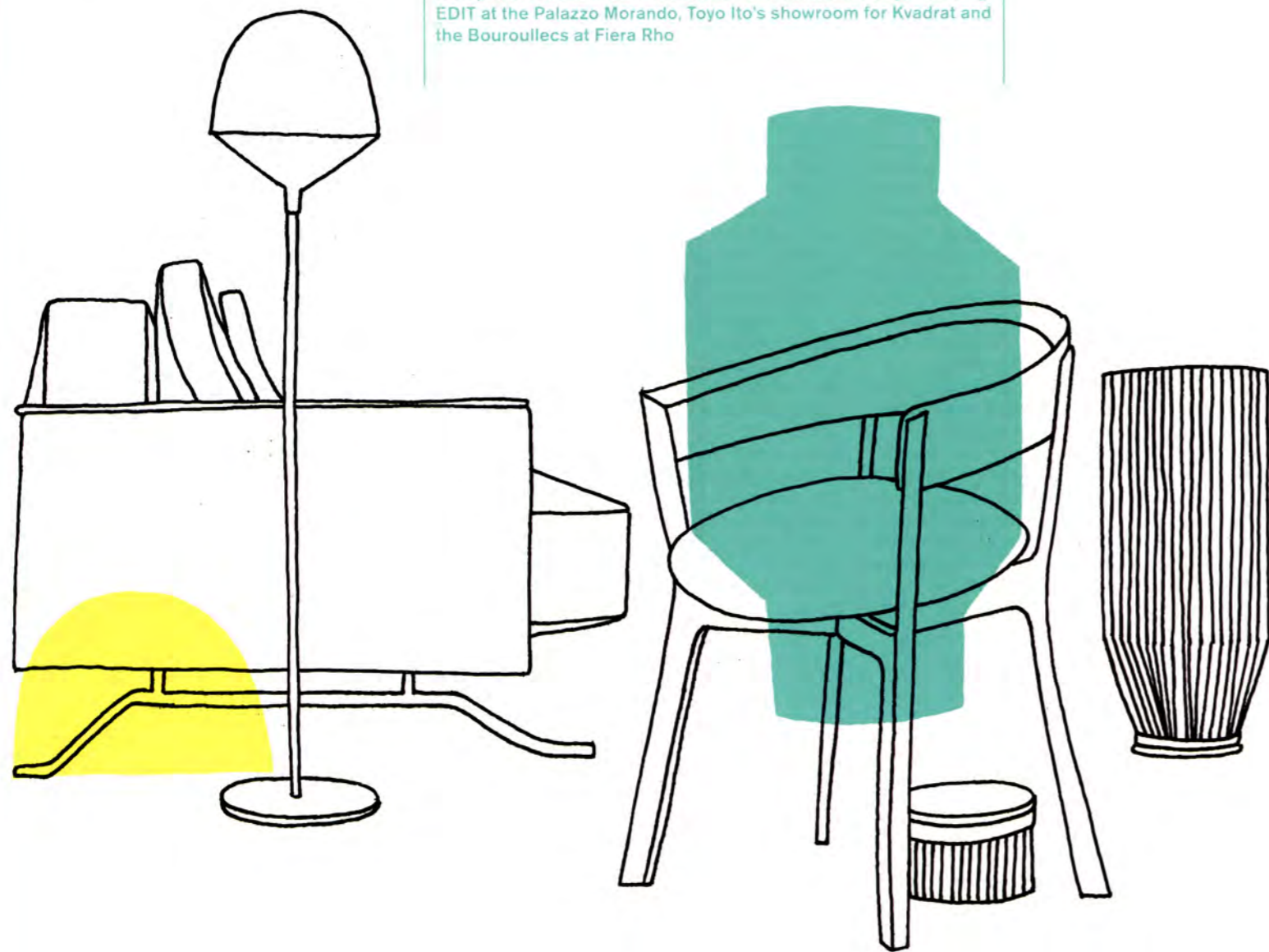
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Milan Furniture Fair 2014

Icon picks out the finest attractions from across the city, including EDIT at the Palazzo Morando, Toyo Ito's showroom for Kvadrat and the Bouroullecs at Fiera Rho



Brera

EDIT by Designjunction

With a new spot in the 18th-century Palazzo Morando, EDIT is again bringing a version of its London show to Milan. Twenty international brands and designers are taking part, including Resident, Stellar Works and de Allegri Feldkamp; a pair who explore femininity in design. Parisian brand Adentro will launch Ninna, an armchair by Carlo Contin that combines solid ash with crust leather. Michael Young designs a new lighting collection for Hong Kong brand EOQ. In the courtyard, Florence-based coffeespecialists La Marzocco will be keeping visitors refreshed.

Palazzo Morando,
Via Sant'Andrea 6

Lexus Design Award

This year, entrants have been asked to respond to the theme of "curiosity". Twelve winning ideas will be on show, with two taken into production under the guidance of architect Arthur Huang and game designer Robin Hunicke. Three commissions by Lexus will also be on show: from Fabio Novembre, Nao Tamura and MIT Media Lab.

Circolo Filologico Milanese, Via Clerici 10

Palazzo Clerici

Raw Edges rethinks our living habits with Islands, a furniture series designed around the Caesarstone surface (see p4 and debuts its collaboration with Golran rugs.

Via Clerici 5

Centrale

Established & Sons

Established & Sons continues its quiet comeback with a colourful display in a Milanese courtyard and a collaboration with Dilmos Gallery at Piazza San Marco 1.

Istituto dei Ciechi, Via Vivaio 7

Kvadrat

Toyo Ito has designed a new showroom for Kinnasand – the carpet and curtain branch of Danish textile company Kvadrat. Find it adjacent to the existing space on Corso Monforte, where the Bouroullecs will show a new range of knitted fabrics.

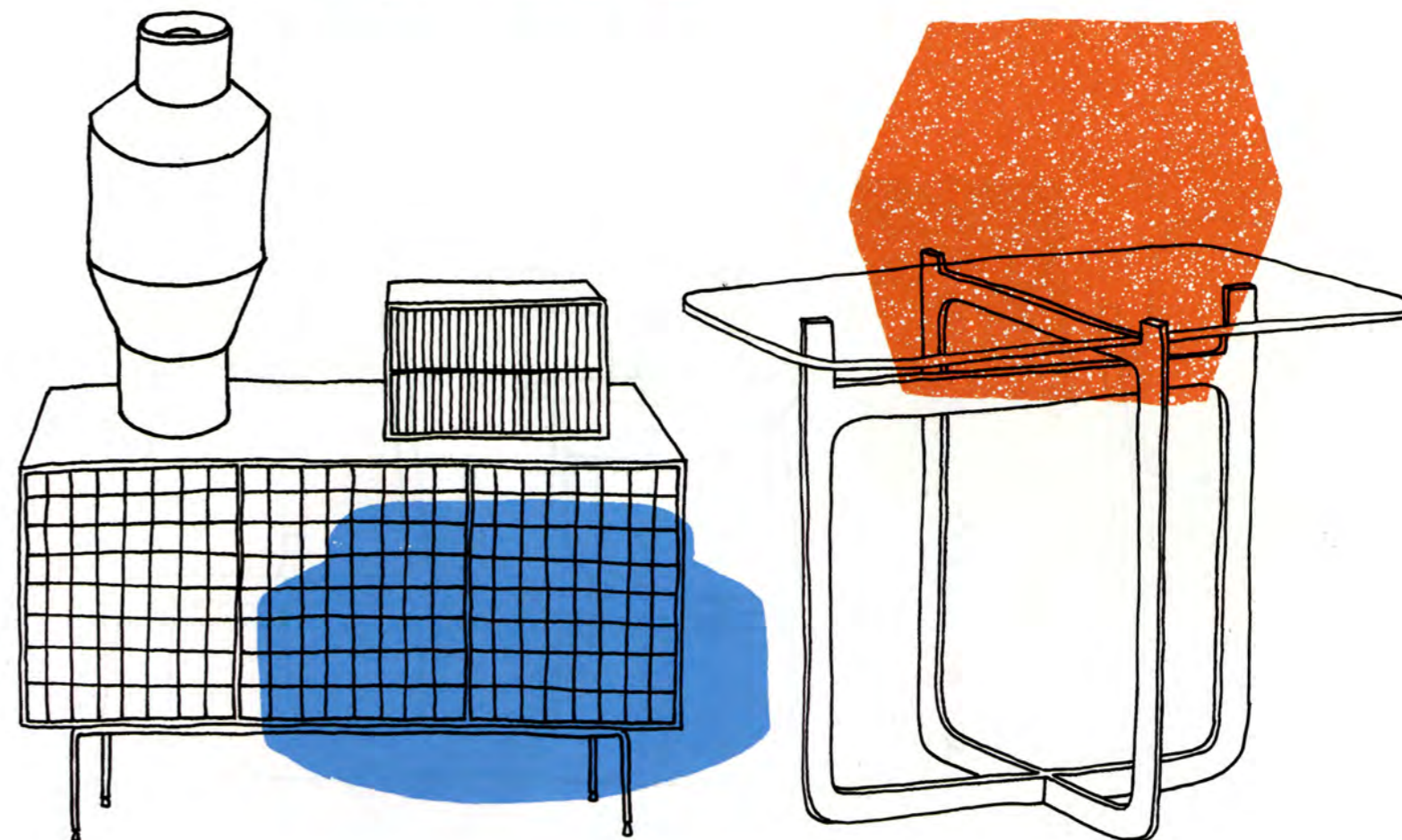
At the main fair, Hella Jongerius, newly crowned creative director of rug division Danskina, launches a new collection including a line combining cork and New Zealand wool.

If you were wowed by the rainbow of one-off furniture designs that filled the Jil Sander showroom for Kvadrat's Hallingdal 65 exhibition at two years ago, you'll be glad to know that another show of a similar scale is in the works. This time 22 designers, including Lindsey Adelman, Muller van Severen and Werner Aisslinger have been asked for their take on Divina, the 30-year-old textile created by Danish painter Finn Sködt. See the results at the arcades between Via Casati and Via San Gregorio.
*Corso Monforte 15
Arcades at Via Casati 32 to Via San Gregorio 43*

Left page
Slab sofa by
Mauro Lippmann
for Bonaldo;
Cheshire lamp
by GamFratesi
for Fontana
Arte; Bikini

Wood chair
by Werner
Aisslinger
for Moroso;
containers by
Machine Series
This page
FireTribe vase

by Arik Levy for
Bitossi; Toshi
cabinet by
Luca Nichetto
for Casamania;
Clip table by
Nendo for
Discipline



Porro

Piero Lissoni turns Porro's showroom into a wooden wonderland, using the System bookcase to create a maze that shows the company's range of timber types and finishes. Somewhere in the labyrinth, you can find Loop Mirror, a twisting design by Front that ties mirror and shelf together with one frame (see p47).

Via Durini 15

Project B Gallery

After hosting Philippe Malouin's solo show Simple last year, Project B Gallery is opening its doors to Brent Dzekorius and his new enterprise Dzek. The launch collection sees Max Lamb create furniture with Marmoreal – a composite stone made up of four Veronese marbles (see p45). The space will also showcase Faye Toogood's Assemblage no. 4, entitled Roly-Poly, and her first clothing collection.

Via Pietro Maroncelli 7

Sliding Nature by Torafu

Panasonic and Torafu Architects present an installation in the university courtyard. The title is Sliding Nature and the concept is to show how tradition and technology can work in harmony. Torafu will create a house with "shoji" paper sliding doors and openings underlit by LED lighting.

University of Milan, Via Festa del Perdono 7

Spazio Rossana Orlandi

The grand dame of design can always be turned to for her impeccable taste and talent for spotting newcomers. This year her rambling gallery space will be home to French brand Moustache, a series of black ceramics by Luca Nichetto and a 1950s-inspired furniture collection by Nika Zupanc for Sé.

Via Matteo Bandello 14-16

Spazio Pontaccio

The design boutique hosts Supperscene, a dinner prepared by chef Matias Perdomo on a table laid with bespoke tableware, cutlery, glasses and accessories (including pieces by Cristina Celestino p128). The dinner on 8 April is only for a selected few, but the designs will be on view in the showroom for the rest of the month. A pop-up shop offers the limited edition pieces for sale during the week of Salone.

Via Pontaccio 18

Triennale Design Museum

Belgian design takes over the Triennale with a show called Reflections: a comprehensive gathering of mirrors and reflective objects by the likes of Julien Carretero for Victor Hunt, Maarten de Ceulaer and Nathalie Dewez. Look out for the voluptuous Big Bubble lamps by Dark, and Jean-Francois D'Or's conical Edvard mirror for Deknudt.

Viale Emilio Alemagna 6

Venini

The art glass specialist is debuting two lighting pieces at this year's fair. EDI by Alberto Biagetti is a reinvented lightbulb, with a mix of coloured rods at the centre of a large glass sphere, and Zoe by Massimiliano and Doriana Fuksas is a rippled red shade that recalls the shape of Chinese paper lanterns. Connecting contemporary designers with the age-old art of Murano glass has long been Venini's calling card, and the results can be found glowing all around its warren of a showroom.

Via Montenapoleone 9