

MILAN REPORT 2015



MAKE IT MINIMALIST

Simple, stripped-back bathware was back in a big way. This collection by Norm Architects for Italian bathroom brand Ext combines traditional cast-iron details with sculptural curves. We love the airy lines, perfect for small spaces; [ex-t.com](http://ex-t.com).



{flying the flag}

A select group of Aussie exhibitors took their place on the world design stage – and made us proud. Our top three finds:

1. South Australian-born Hugh Altschwager's 'Flashlight' pendants were a perfectly proportioned mix of limestone and reclaimed Australian hardwood; [inkstermaken.com](http://inkstermaken.com).
2. Making their Milan debut were design grads Matthew Harding and Rowan Turnhum with their versatile geometric LED 'Exo' pendant; [rakumba.com.au](http://rakumba.com.au).
3. Brodie Neill from UK-based Made In Ratio returned to Milan for the third year with his seamless solid wood, stackable 'Alpha' chair; [madeinratio.com](http://madeinratio.com).

A key trend at the fair was *classic revival*: time-honoured pieces were re-imagined drawing on new technology

TREND ALERT: LET'S LOUNGE

Seats that cocoon and comfort were out in force – and difficult to resist.

1. Jean-Marie Massaud's 'Archibald Gran Comfort' chair was a plush combination of goose-down padding and soft leather. Visit [poltronafrau.com](http://poltronafrau.com).
2. The perfect spot for two (we tested it), Vitra's spacious 'Mariposa Love Seat' lived up to its name. See [vitra.com](http://vitra.com).
3. Nendo's 'Bison' armchair for Cappellini was small enough to feel snug but big enough to curl up in. Head to [cappellini.it](http://cappellini.it).
4. Originally designed back in 1974, Vico Magistretti's classic 'Maralunga' sofa has been re-released with removeable fabric upholstery. Visit [vitra.com](http://vitra.com).



**DREAM TEAM** The collaboration between Swedish flooring brand Bolon and Italian fashion house Missoni continued for a second year, with the two family businesses joining forces to reinterpret Missoni's trademark chevron stripes for the floor. Available in black, sand, cyan and aubergine (above); [bolon.com](http://bolon.com).