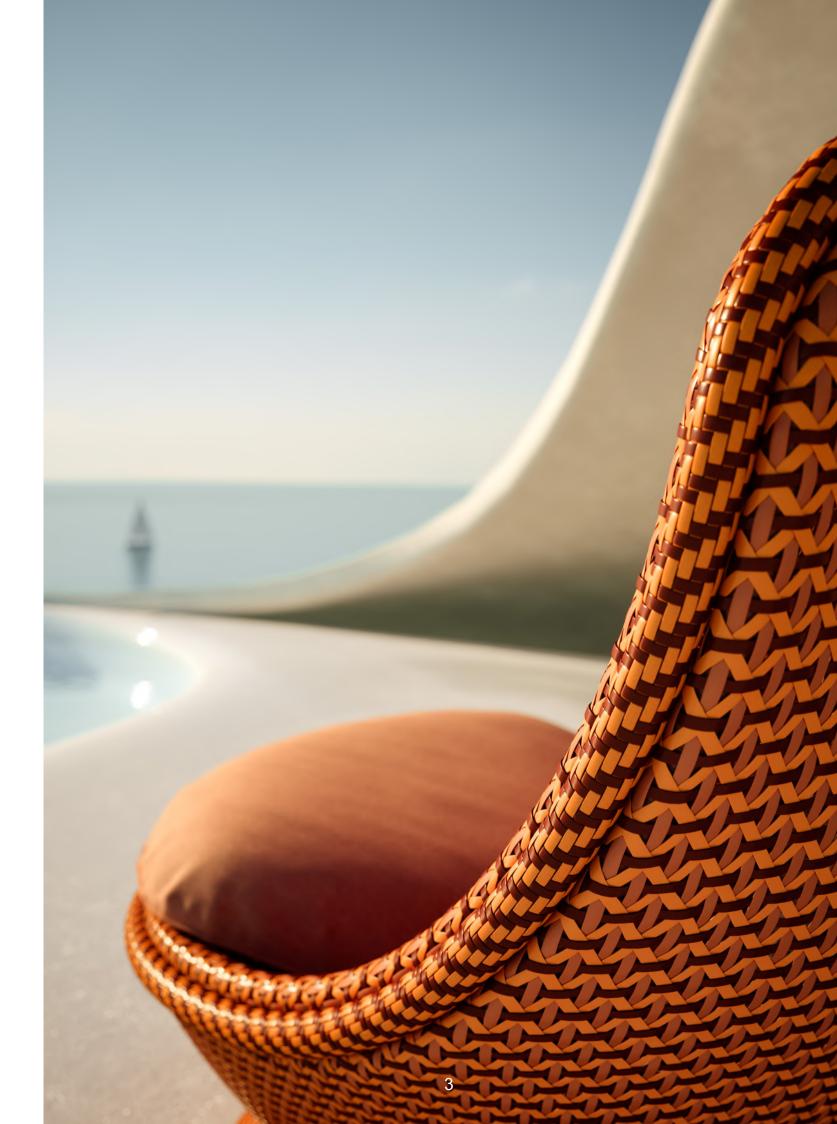
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INTRODUCTION

We chat with décor and design publicist, writer and interior designer Jean-Pierre de la Chaumette about what's hot for 2024. With more than twenty years deeply immersed in the realm of design, spanning experiences both in South Africa and London, Jean-Pierre is excellently positioned to impart his insights on global trends with us.





INTRODUCTION

In the ever-evolving world of interior design, 2024 promises to be a year of innovation, style, and self-expression. With a nod to sustainability and a reverence for nature, the trends of the moment are characterized by a harmonious blend of the old and the new, the natural and the industrial. Homes are becoming not just living spaces but personal sanctuaries that reflect the unique tastes and values of their inhabitants.

From the revival of timeless minimalist aesthetics to the embrace of sustainable materials, the interior design landscape is rich with possibilities. In this trend report, we embark on a journey through the top global interior design trends of 2024, offering you a glimpse into the art of creating spaces that are not only beautiful but deeply resonant with your lifestyle and values.

As the line between indoor and outdoor living continues to blur, the world of outdoor furniture design is evolving to meet the demands of modern homeowners. In the ever-expanding realm of outdoor decor, sustainability takes centre stage, with a focus on eco-friendly materials that harmonize with nature.

Outdoor spaces are no longer an afterthought but rather an extension of our interiors, with comfortable, stylish furniture that mirrors indoor design trends. From the allure of natural and organic aesthetics to the eco conscious use of recycled materials, the world of outdoor furniture has never been more exciting.



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RESORT LIVING

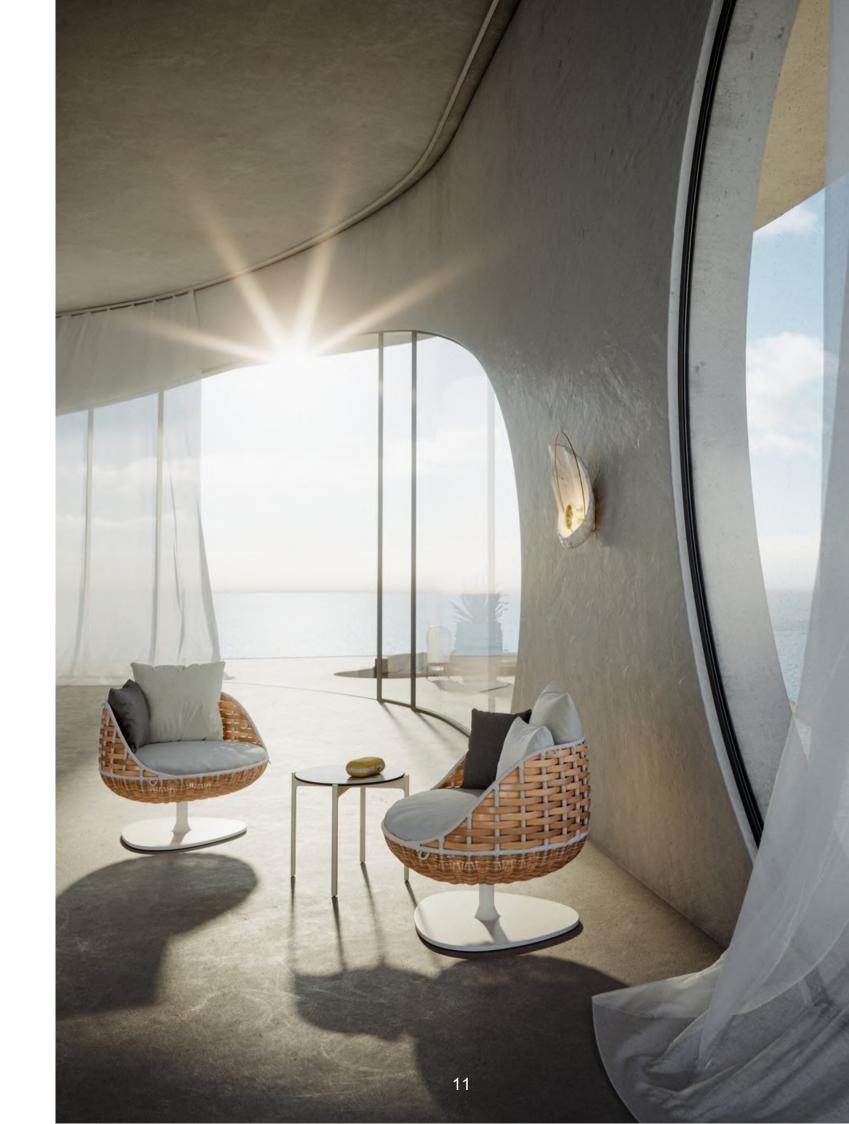
Resort Living is an exciting interior design trend that brings the relaxation and luxury of a vacation resort right into your home. This trend has gained popularity, especially after Covid, as people seek to create soothing, tranquil environments within their living spaces.

Resort Living is inspired by the ambiance and aesthetics of tropical resorts, coastal getaways, and spa retreats. It aims to transform homes into havens of relaxation and rejuvenation. Key characteristics include a connection to nature, a calming colour palette, and the use of natural materials.

There are a few characteristics that encapsulate the Resort Living trend and the first is the use of natural materials. This trend incorporates natural materials such as wood, stone, rattan, and bamboo. These materials add warmth and authenticity to the design. A great example are these Swingrest occasional chairs by DEDON.

We notice an integration of indoors and outdoors here with this design trend blurring the lines between these two spaces. Large windows, sliding glass doors, and outdoor living areas create a seamless transition between the interior and exterior.

The colour palette with this trend is calming. The palette is dominated by soothing and neutral tones like soft blues, greens, beige, and white. These colours evoke a sense of serenity and tranquillity.





RESORT LIVING

Plush and comfortable furniture and furnishings with oversized cushions and soft textures create a cozy and inviting atmosphere.

The Resort Living trend makes the best use of natural light. It enhances the feeling of openness and brings the outdoors in.

Incorporating tropical accents such as palm leaves, seashells, and beach-inspired decor elements adds to the resort-like ambiance.

Common elements to look out for with this trend include canopy daybeds with lightweight, sheer curtains for a dreamy, resort-inspired look (as pictured in the previous page featuring a canopied daybed from DEDON). Meanwhile, bathrooms incorporate spa-like features, including rainfall showerheads, freestanding tubs, and natural stone or wood elements.

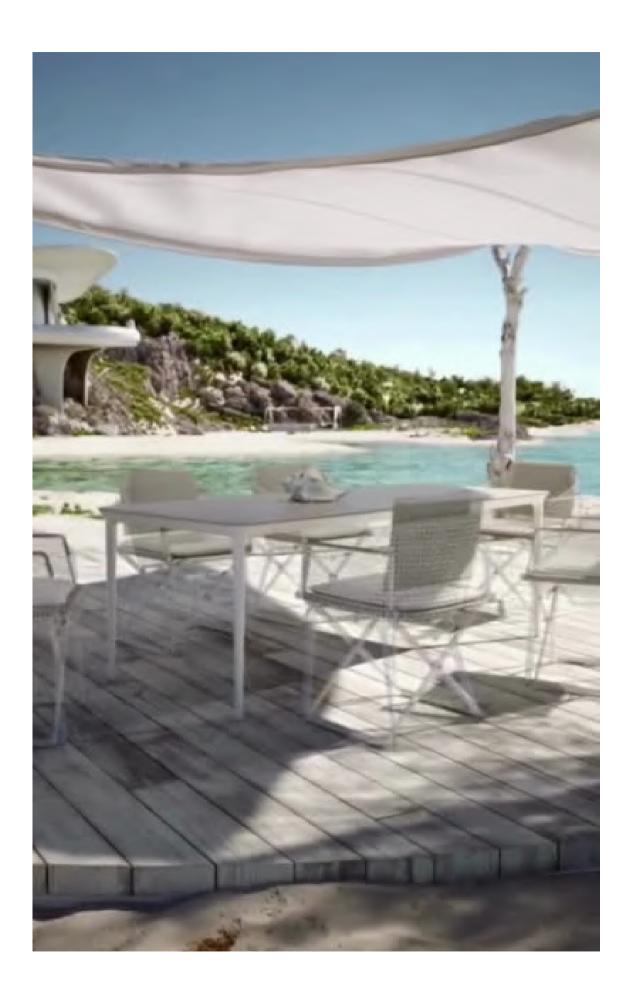
Old meets new with this trend or should we say eco-friendly meets technology. There's a growing emphasis on sustainability within the Resort Living trend. Many designers and homeowners are opting for eco-friendly materials and energy-efficient solutions to create sustainable resort-style homes. Smart home technology is integrated discreetly to enhance convenience.

The most obvious spaces where the Resort Living style can be explored is on our patios and terraces and Core Furniture's outdoor collections from the likes of premier European brands DEDON, VONDOM and VARASCHIN are obvious go-to brands for creating this look.

As people increasingly seek to escape the stresses of daily life, this trend is likely to remain relevant and adaptable. Given South Africa's climate the Resort Living trend plays a huge role in defining how we live.

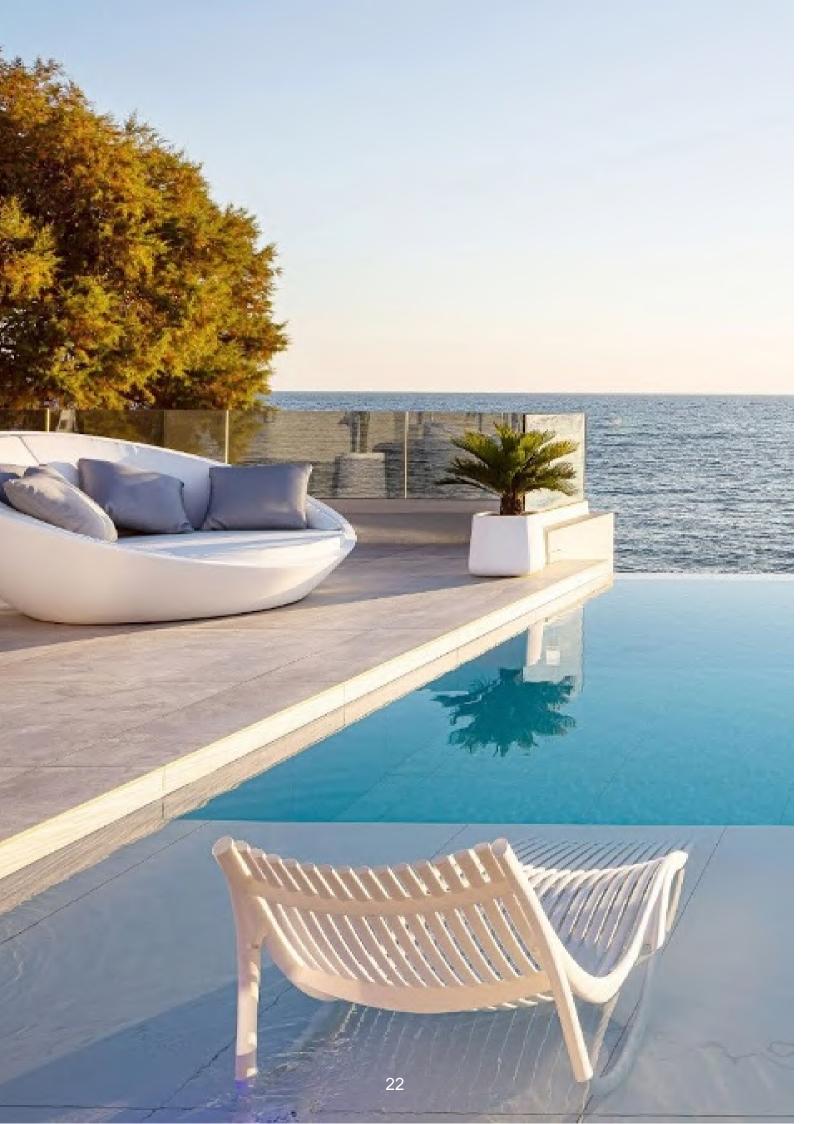












LIVING THE LIFE

Semi-submerged sun loungers provide a luxurious resort holiday experience.







TROPICAL ACCENTS

Wallpaper featuring tropical green leaves establishes a stylish foundation for this Resort Living inspired space.











MINIMALUXE

Minimaluxe is an intriguing design trend that has gained prominence and is set to evolve even more in 2024. This trend blends the concepts of minimalism and luxury by focusing on achieving a sense of opulence and sophistication through simplicity and minimalistic design principles.

Minimaluxe emerged as a response to the excesses of maximalism and a growing desire for simplicity in design. It draws inspiration from various art movements, including minimalism, Bauhaus, and even Japanese Zen aesthetics. The Minimaluxe trend is about reducing the noise and clutter in your living space to focus on the pieces you love.

Simplicity is at its core, Minimaluxe is about simplification. Design elements are stripped down to their essential components, avoiding unnecessary embellishments.

Clean lines abound whilst shapes in these spaces are curved, irregular and soft. These elements contribute to the clean and uncluttered look.

Luxury is a fundamental aspect of Minimaluxe. It makes use of high-quality materials by incorporating premium materials such as marble, brass, leather, and sustainable options like reclaimed wood.





MINIMALUXE

Minimaluxe tends favour neutral colour palettes, including shades of white, grey, beige, and taupe. These colours create a sense of calm and elegance.

We're talking functional beauty here with furniture and decor pieces not just visually appealing but also highly functional.

In interior design, Minimaluxe can be seen in spacious, open-plan layouts with minimal furniture and accessories. Furniture pieces are often iconic designs, known for their quality and timeless appeal. Lighting plays a crucial role, with the use of statement chandeliers making a statement.

Minimaluxe is expected to continue evolving, with a focus on sustainability and innovation. As consumers prioritize quality over quantity, this trend is likely to remain relevant in the design world.

At Core Furniture our luxury Dutch brand, EICHHOLTZ collection ticks many of the Minimaluxe style boxes.

In conclusion, Minimaluxe is a design trend that combines minimalism and luxury to create elegant and refined spaces. Its core principles of simplicity, high-quality materials, and functionality make it a timeless and enduring trend in the world of design.











ALABASTER

Whilst alabaster is famed for its use in a wide range of elements in interior design - from tiles and wall cladding to decorative accessories and furniture - we're most excited about its use in lighting.

One of the most captivating aspects of alabaster is its natural veining and patterns. Designers are now emphasizing these unique characteristics by using larger pieces of alabaster in fixtures. This showcases the stone's beauty and creates a sense of artistry in lighting.

Alabaster's translucent quality is a key reason for its popularity in lighting. When illuminated, it emits a warm, soft glow that diffuses light beautifully. This makes alabaster fixtures perfect for creating ambient lighting in living rooms, dining areas, and bedrooms.

Designers are often mixing alabaster with other materials like metal, wood, or glass to create stunning contrasts. For example, alabaster and brass combinations are particularly stylish. This juxtaposition of materials adds depth and visual interest to lighting fixtures.

Alabaster allows for intricate and sculptural lighting designs. These fixtures often become focal points in rooms, doubling as functional art pieces. Sculptural alabaster fixtures can be minimalist and modern or elaborate and traditional, catering to various design aesthetics.

Core Furniture's EICHHOLTZ collection offers many examples of the Alabaster trend.







2024 colour trends are focused on uplifting tones that impact and influence the mood of everyone who walks into the room. Whether it's about creating spaces that feel happy and joyful, or calming and relaxing, it's all about the mood that colour creates.

The recent embracing of brown is a continuation of this colour trend as we see a shifting away from cooler grey interiors to a warmer palette of natural hues that deliver soothing schemes. We're predicting that radiant oranges and yellow will abound whilst light pinks, reds, rusts and burgundies will also be colour staples. Blue also bursts into 2024.

Yellow is associated with happiness, optimism, and creativity. It can evoke feelings of joy and positivity, making it an excellent choice for spaces where you want to create a lively and welcoming environment. I just love the tone of this yellow outdoor lounge chair from TALENTI.



Orange is a warm and energetic colour that combines the enthusiasm of red with the brightness of yellow. It can promote a sense of warmth, excitement, and creativity. We're crushing on orange in its terracotta and paprika hues.

We suggest using yellow and orange strategically. Too much of these vibrant colours can be overwhelming. Balance them with neutral colours to create harmony in your design.

Using red and rust colours in interior design can create a warm and inviting atmosphere while adding a touch of vibrancy and sophistication to your space. Red is associated with energy, passion, and warmth. It can evoke strong emotions and create a sense of excitement.

Rust is a deeper and earthier shade of red and is often associated with autumn, nature, and rustic charm. It exudes a cozy and grounded feeling.





When choosing your shade of red and rust, consider the overall mood you want to achieve. Brighter reds can add drama and energy, while muted rust tones create a more subdued and calming effect.

Red and rust colours can be powerful, so balance them with neutral shades like white, beige or cream. This prevents the space from feeling overwhelming and allows the red or rust to stand out.

Whether used as accent colours or as dominant themes, these hues can bring warmth, positivity, and creativity to your living environment when integrated thoughtfully and balanced with complementary colours and design elements.

The colour blue holds versatile and calming qualities that make it a popular choice for both interior and outdoor spaces. In interiors, different shades of blue can evoke various moods and atmospheres. Lighter blues can create a sense of tranquility and openness, making them suitable for bedrooms and bathrooms. Deep or navy blues, on the other hand, add sophistication and drama.

Given our outdoor lifestyle here in South Africa, blue is frequently associated with the sky and water, contributing to a serene and expansive feel on our patios and balconies. Light blue hues can be especially effective for outdoor furniture or accessories, imparting a refreshing and airy ambiance. Darker blues provide a grounding and elegant touch.

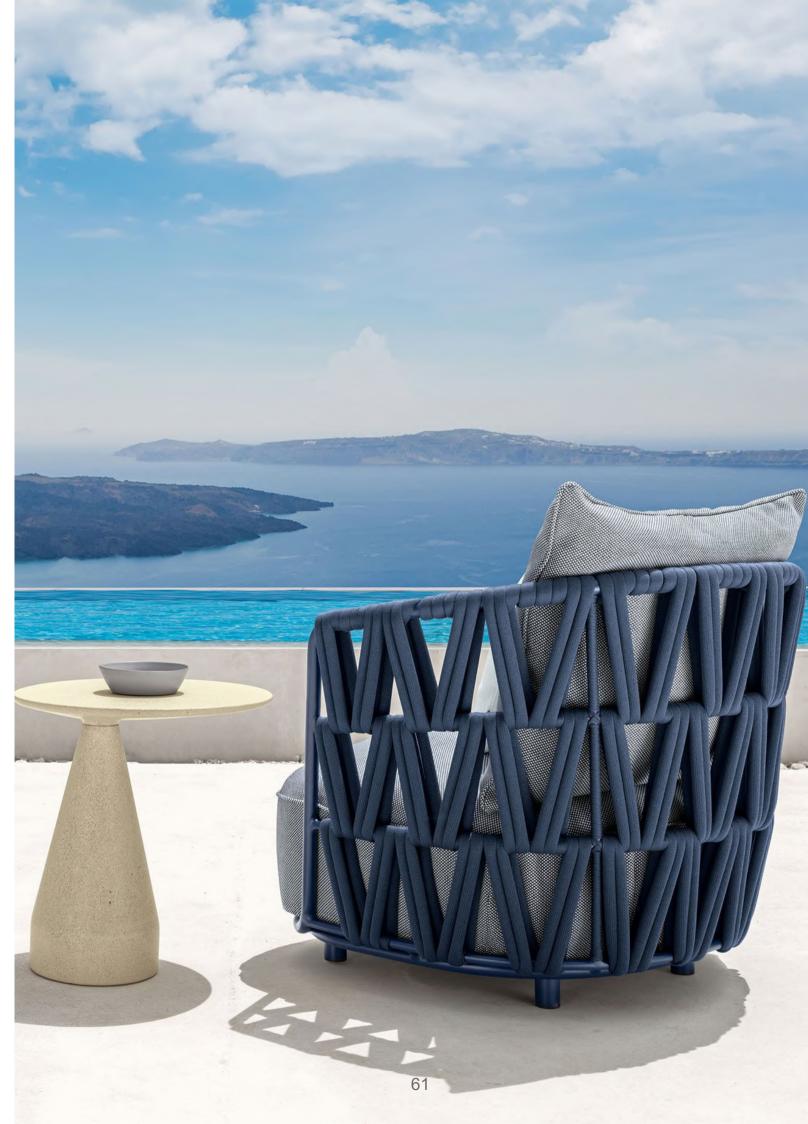
When speaking about the colour blue we must reference DEDON's ground-breaking invert fiber, featured in their latest Cirql Nu outdoor collection. The collection is crafted using co-extrusion, a process that combines two distinct fiber colours and types into one strand. The result: stunning colourways, diverse textures and geometric patterns with a special 3D-effect, creating an almost iridescent sheen depending on the viewing angle. Their blue colorway, in particular, stands out for its exceptional beauty.



HUES OF BLUE

The colour blue holds versatile and calming qualities making it ideal for patio lounging.







TRENDY TERRACOTTA

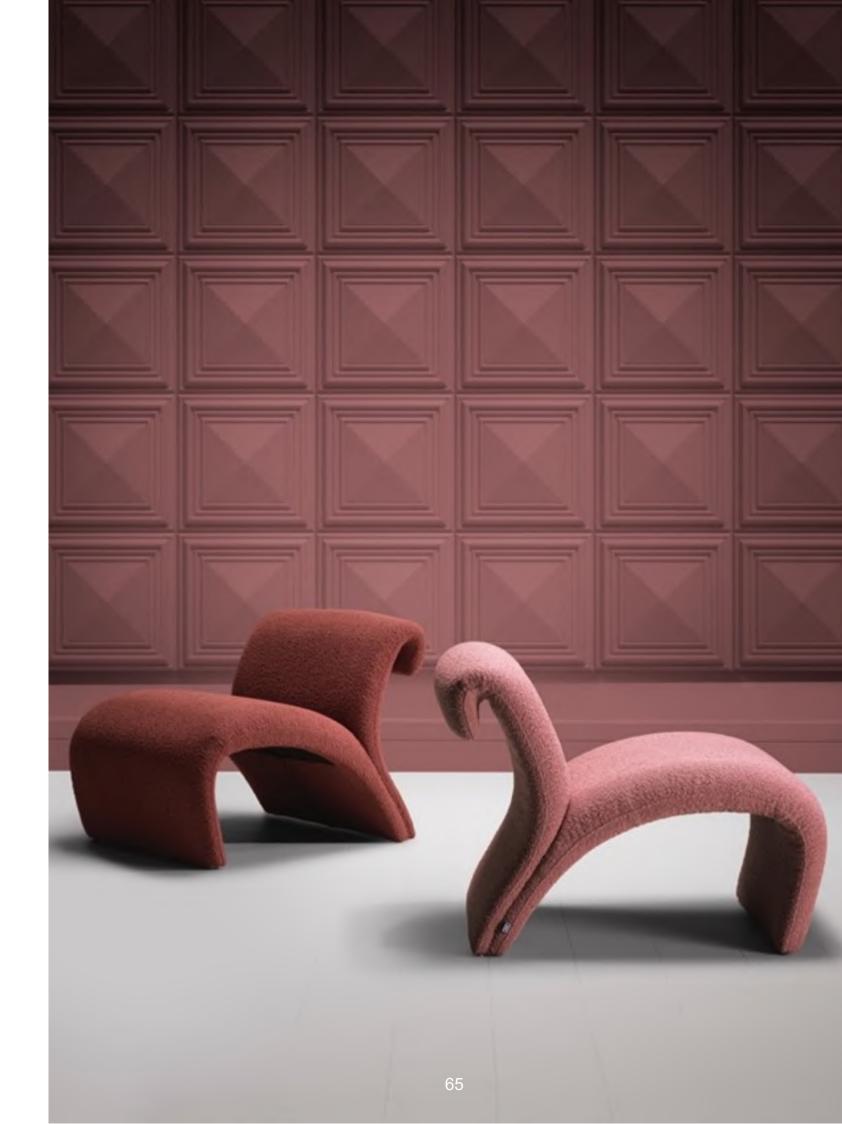
These pieces showcase the vibrancy and energy that shades of orange can bring to an outdoor space.



RUSTS AND DUSTY PINKS

Furniture featured in the rich tones of rust and dusty pink, can infuse spaces with a sense of warmth and positivity. The earthy and inviting nature of rust, coupled with the soft, muted elegance of dusty pink, creates a harmonious blend that goes beyond mere aesthetics.





SHOP THE TREND





1.TABLE LAMP CASTILLO
2.DINING ARM CHAIR VOLANTE
3.PANAMA EGG CHAIR WITH BASE
4.LOW DINING CHAIR GREER
5.SWIVEL CHAIR NOVELLE
6.SUAVE MODULAR SOFA









METALLICS

The Metallic trend is something that comes back in cycles and of course for some elements of interiors it's nothing new. What's new right now though is that metallic finishes are extending to elements which previously were in totally different materials. For example, metallic finishes are a new option for washbasins, or for kitchen counter tops and on doors. Metals like stainless steel provide an easy to clean, durable and modern alternative.

But it's the more yellow metallics like gold and brass that appear to be outlasting the trends cycle and still making a confident impact on our interiors. They're embraced for their ability to add a touch of luxury and warmth to interiors and few design materials have endured as long as gold and brass, and in 2024 the trend is set to live on.

Besides their obvious use in furniture, for table and chair legs for example, we're most excited about the impact they have on lighting designs. Embracing the future as well as the past, we're here for these warm metallics in all forms of lighting from chandeliers and pendants to table and standing lamps. These golden tones create a particularly warm and inviting light in an interior.





METALLICS

It's no secret that mixing metals is bang on trend! Mixing cool and warm metallics creates contrast and draws the eye in for visual interest. And, while you should feel free to mix metal finishes, most interior designers recommend selecting no more than three metal finishes for one room.

Metals come in warm and cool tones. Warm metals include brass, gold, copper, and oil-rubbed bronze. Cool metals include chrome, polished nickel, and brushed nickel. Let's not forget black... it's considered either a cool-toned metal or a neutral and makes a great third metal to balance out your mix.

Core Furniture looks forward to bringing you a wide selection of furniture and lighting that embrace this Metallic trend to its best.





HOT AND COLD

This interior serves as an excellent example of design finesse, skilfully integrating a harmonious blend of cool and warm metallic tones along with the timeless elegance of black.









1.TABLE OBJECT GROVE 2.LORENZO FLOOR LAMP 3.DINING CHAIR CLUBHOUSE







SUSTAINABILITY

With growing environmental concerns, sustainable design is likely to continue its rise. Expect more use of eco-friendly materials, energy-efficient lighting, and a focus on reducing carbon footprints in interior spaces.

Using natural and renewable materials like bamboo, reclaimed wood, and cork is on the rise. These materials have a smaller carbon footprint and can add warmth and texture to interiors.

Rattan and wicker are derived from natural plant fibres, usually rattan palm or willow. They are commonly used in outdoor and indoor furniture, giving a casual and airy feel to the pieces. Rattan and wicker are both sustainable and biodegradable.

Also worth mentioning are the developments in artificial fibres by the likes of DEDON. Researched, developed, manufactured and tested at their state-of-the-art production facilities, environmentally-friendly DEDON fiber is unrivalled for its strength, durability, weather fastness and luxuriousness of colour, texture and touch. DEDON's fibre is recyclable and non-toxic, burning as cleanly as candle wax.

Natural stone, such as marble, granite, and slate, remains a good aesthetic and sustainable choice and is used for tabletops, countertops, and even accent pieces. Stone adds a touch of luxury and durability to furniture. It's a timeless choice that can last for generations.





While not a traditional natural material, some metals like aluminium are used in furniture design. When sourced responsibly and recycled, metal can be a sustainable choice too.

The use of natural materials in furniture not only reduces the environmental impact but also brings a sense of authenticity and connection to nature into your living spaces. It's important to consider the source and production methods when selecting furniture made from these materials to ensure they meet your sustainability goals.

The developments in 'plastics' in furniture and lighting manufacture have been ground-breaking. Most notable are its use in outdoor furniture and lighting with the likes of polypropylene, polycarbonate and PMMA being the most commonly used by brands such a VONDOM. The likes of PMMA, whilst non-biodegradable, is highly biocompatible and 100% recyclable... but we're not talking single-use plastics here so no need for recyclability when the designs withstand the test of time.



CLEANING UP THE SEAS

Highlighting VONDOM's recent ground-breaking emphasis on incorporating recycled plastics retrieved from the sea into their latest designs.









2.AFRICA ARMCHAIR
3.PORCINI SMALL SIDE TABLE
4.DALA LOUNGE CHAIR
5.NOMA BAR STOOL
6.VELA DAYBED WITH CANOPY









COLONIAL CHIC

This interior design style draws inspiration from the colonial era, particularly the British, Dutch, and French colonial periods. It combines elements of traditional and classic design with a touch of exotic flair. It's sense of wanderlust makes it a design style that will never go out of fashion. Colonial chic interior design has evolved though over the years, and there are some exciting trends that have emerged in this style.

One of the most notable trends is the fusion of Colonial chic with modern elements. This involves blending classic colonial furniture and decor with contemporary design elements, such as minimalist furnishings or sleek lighting fixtures. The juxtaposition of old and new creates a fresh and updated take on the style.

In line with global sustainability trends, many designers are incorporating eco-friendly materials into Colonial chic interiors. This includes furniture made from reclaimed wood, bamboo, or other sustainable resources. Natural fibres like jute and organic cotton are also popular choices for textiles.

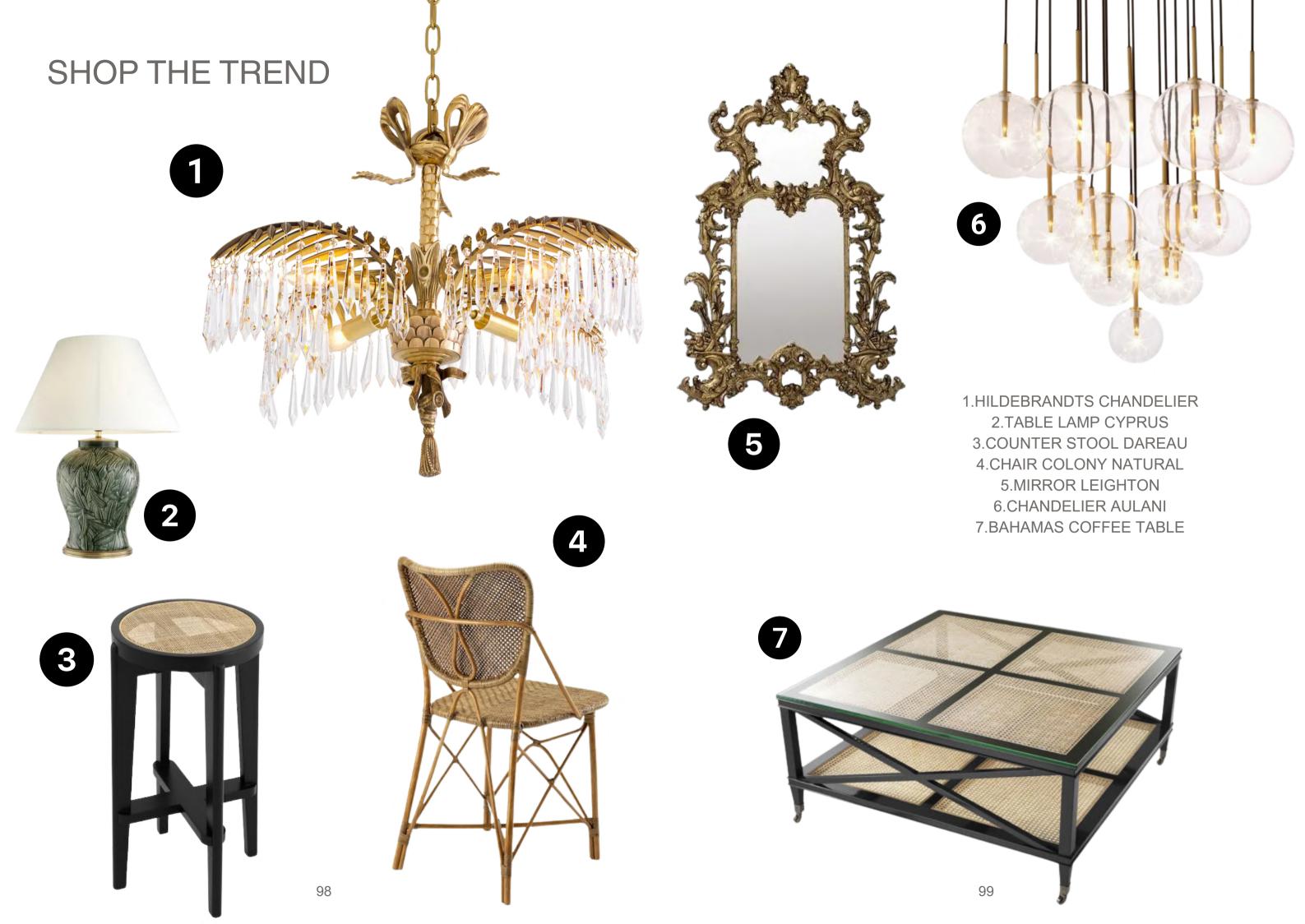
Colonial chic has always had an exotic flair, but now there's a greater emphasis on incorporating global influences. This might involve adding Moroccan, Indian, or African-inspired elements, such as colourful rugs, intricate tile work, or tribal textiles.

While traditional Colonial chic interiors often featured darker wood and rich, deep colours, a trend toward lighter colour palettes is emerging. Lighter shades of wood, pastel colours, and neutral tones create a more airy and contemporary feel while still maintaining the essence of colonial charm.

Mixing various patterns and textures is another trend in Colonial chic design. This can include combining floral prints with stripes or using multiple geometric patterns in textiles, wallpaper, and upholstery.

To adapt to modern living, many Colonial chic interiors are opening up spaces and creating a more fluid connection between rooms. This can be achieved through open floor plans and large windows that allow for natural light and views of outdoor greenery.







If Covid taught us anything it's the joy of exercising at home.

Whilst home gym equipment with integrated technology is a hot trend - this includes the likes of machines with touchscreen displays, connectivity to fitness apps, and real-time tracking of your workouts - it's the return to aesthetic gym design that piques our interest.

People are paying more attention to the aesthetics of their home gyms, creating motivating and visually appealing workout spaces with stylish equipment and decor... and the likes of Pent and Nohrd are leading the way.

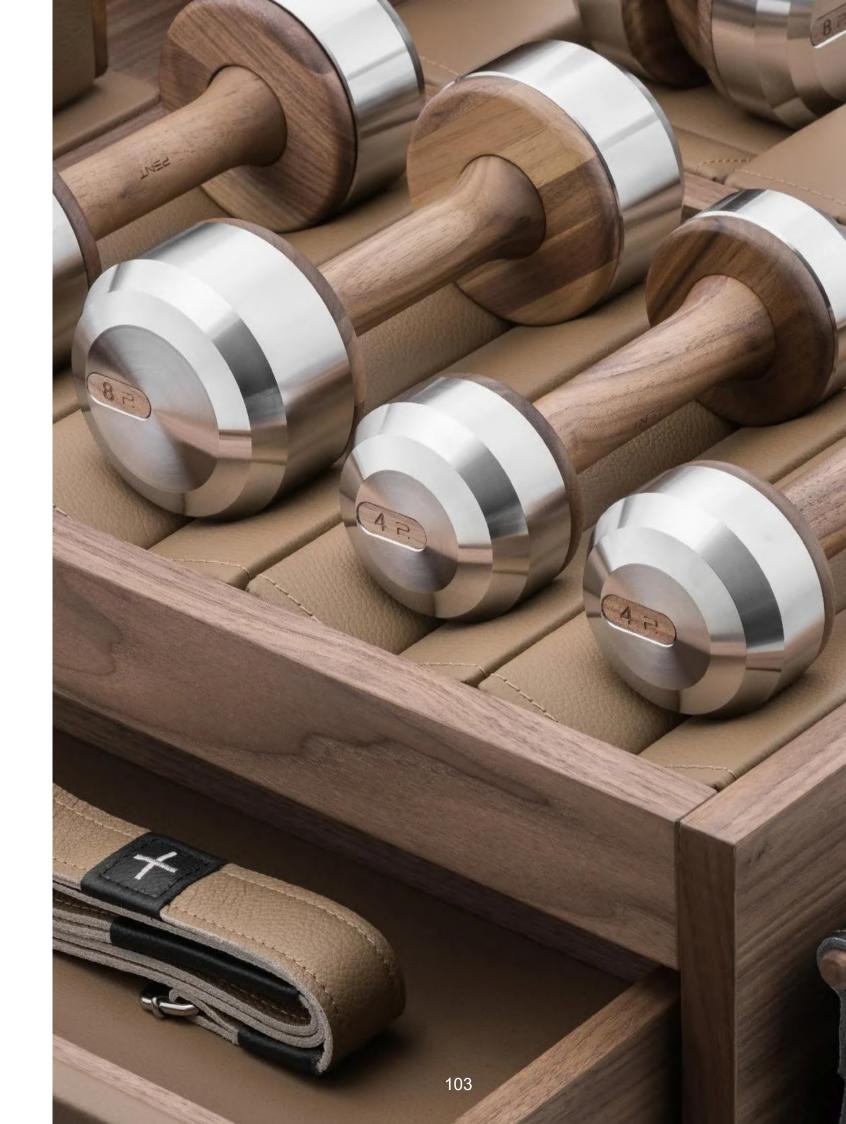
Pent blends timeless craftsmanship with ergonomic design in its line of luxury fitness equipment. It merges design and wellness in highly functional gym equipment that double as elegant objets d'art.

The collection boasts functional angles and sleek curves, providing a one-of-a-kind exercise experience. Hand crafted from the highest quality materials like stainless steel, genuine leather and your choice of walnut or ash (boasting antibacterial properties). Pent has everything an exclusive home gym and personal studio should have and is the ultimate collection for gym enthusiasts with a serious sense of style.

When Nohrd designs their products, they aim to unite aesthetic design with functional innovation. They highly value simplicity, functionality, and the use of sustainable materials. Their products are designed to be functional without unnecessary complexity. Nohrd's 'biophilic' approach to their designs is inspiring.

Remember that the aesthetics of your home gym should align with your personal taste and preferences. Creating a visually appealing workout space can help you stay motivated and enjoy your fitness routine even more. It's about turning your gym into a place you look forward to visiting every day.

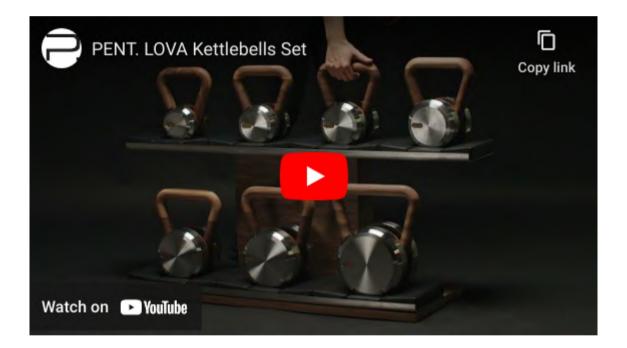
However, these designer gym equipment brands aren't limited to private residences; they also make a stylish addition to game lodges and boutique hotels.





BIOPHILIC DESIGN IN THE GYM

Drawing inspiration from nature in both materiality and design, PENT and NOHRD stand at the forefront of designer gyms.





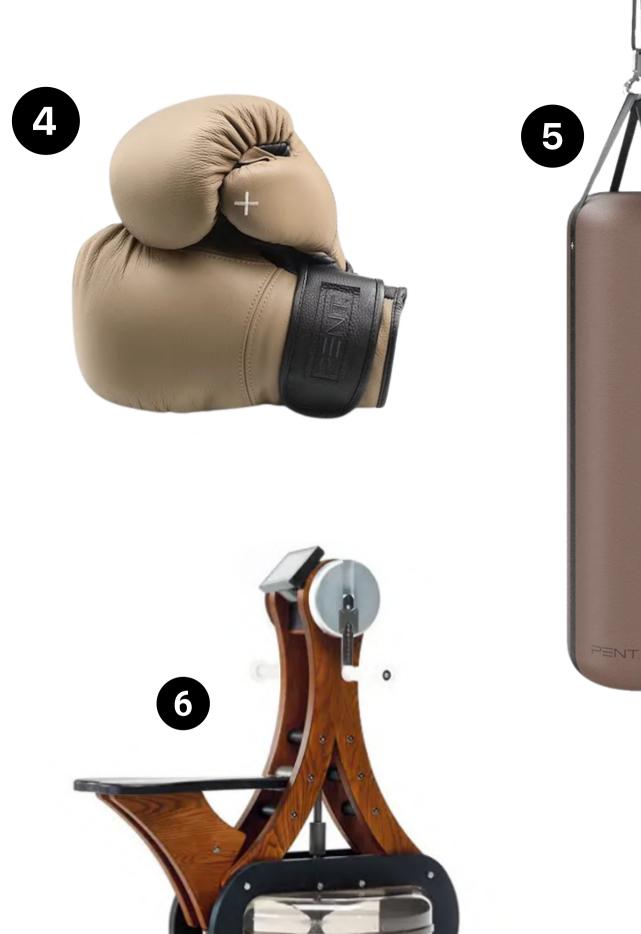


1.COMBO ANA STAND
2.SPRINTBOK
3.MOXA VERTICAL SET
4.RAXA BOXING GLOVES
5.RAXA
6.WATER GRINDER

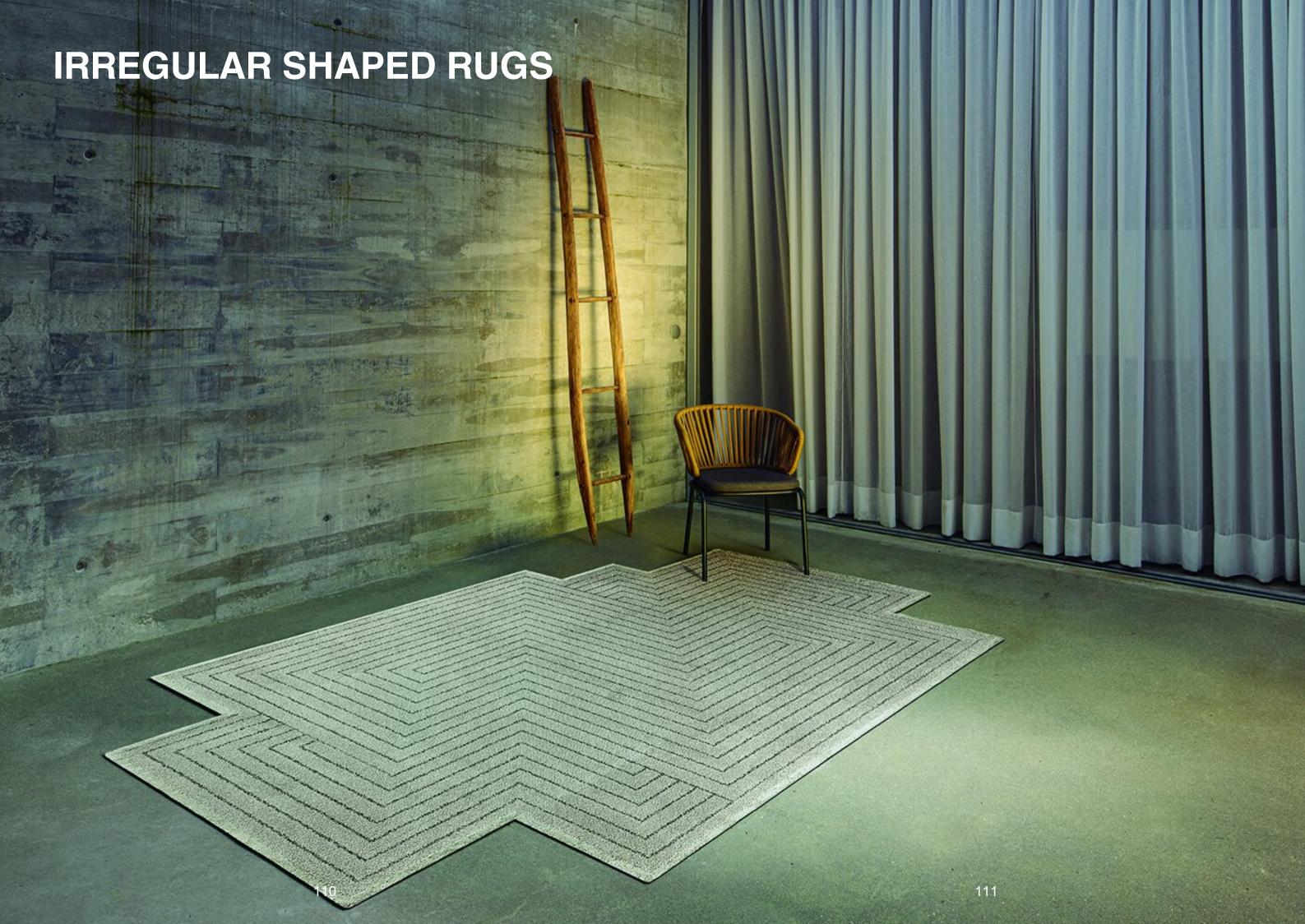
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IRREGULAR SHAPED RUGS

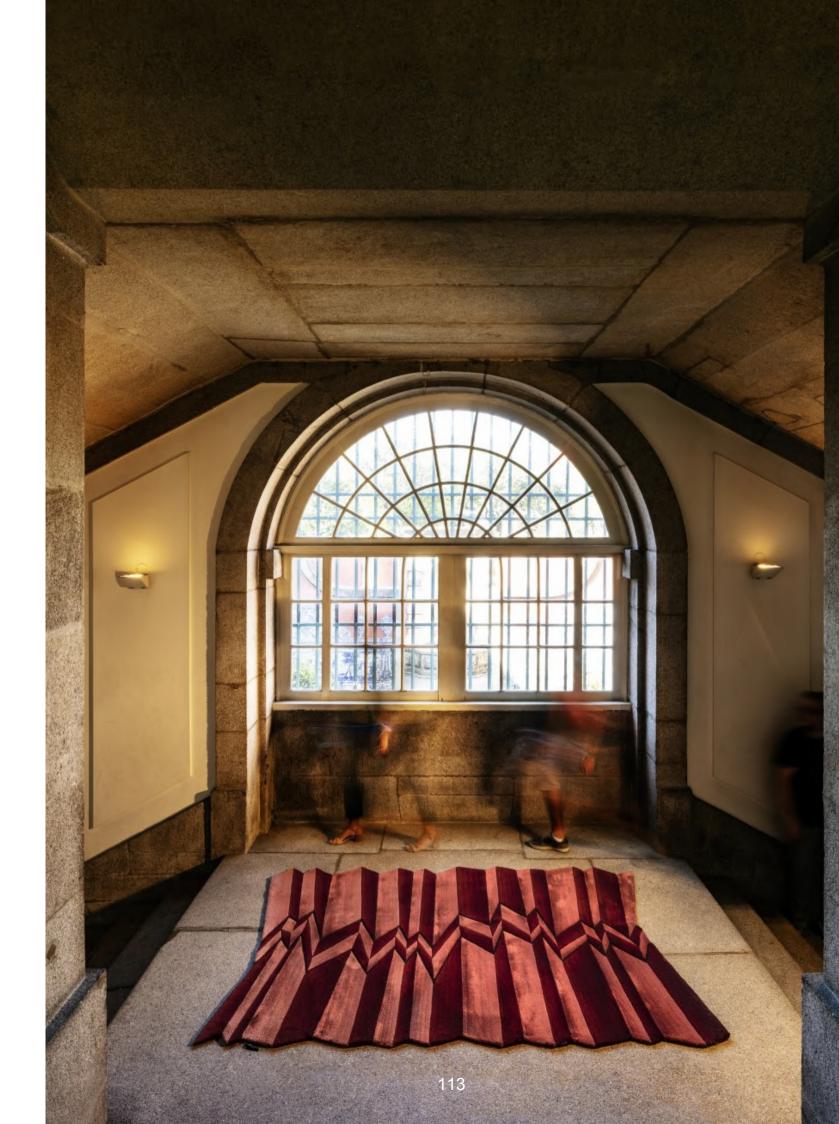
Irregular shaped rugs are the biggest trend in the world of rug design. The non-traditional shaped rugs make a statement and effortlessly add interest to a room. Many irregular shaped rugs are inspired by organic natural shapes, whilst others are the result of the overlapping of geometric shapes.

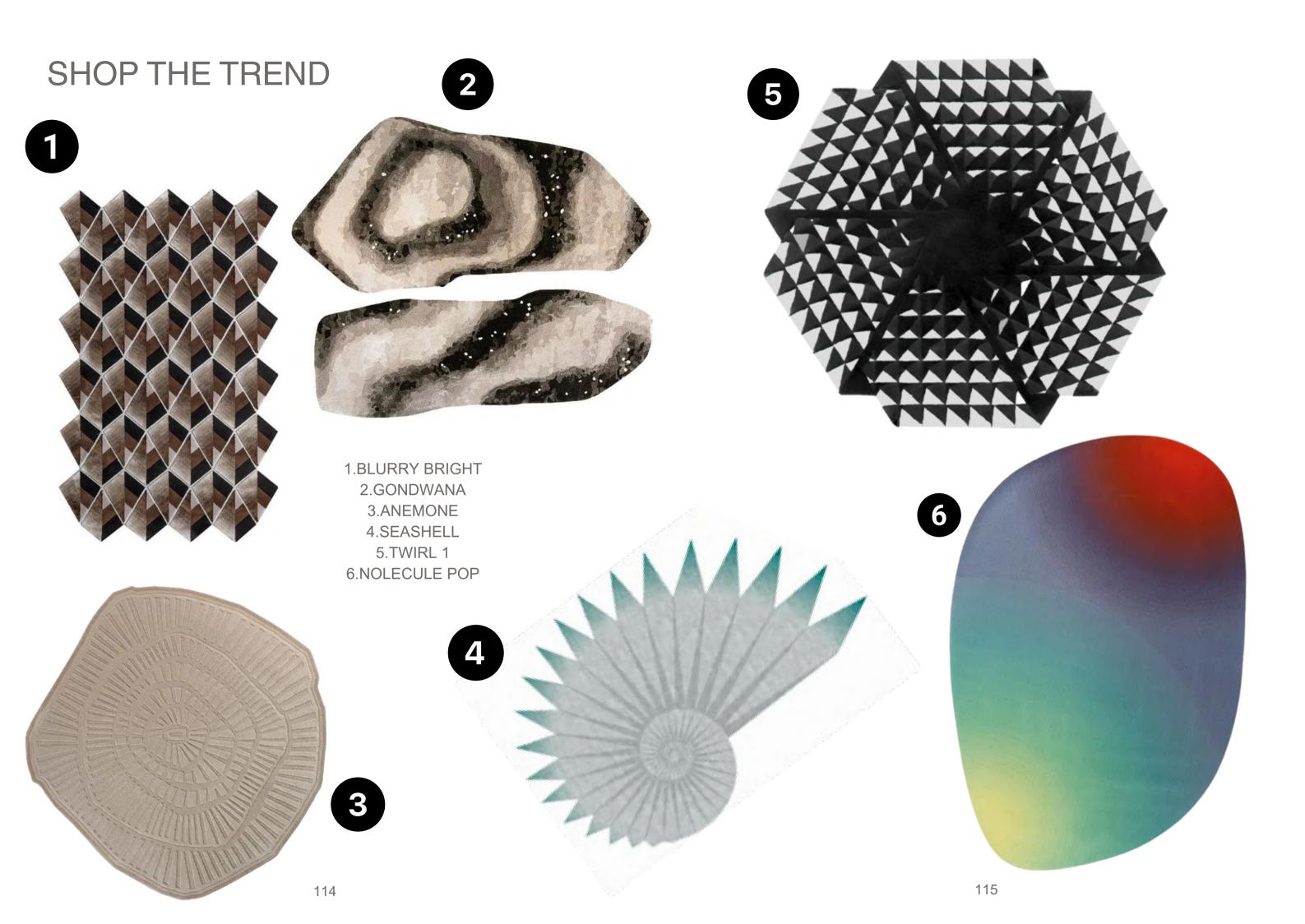
Irregular rugs featuring asymmetrical geometric shapes offer a fusion of structure and artistic chaos. These designs break away from the traditional symmetry of geometric patterns, giving the space a contemporary and edgy feel. They're perfect for those seeking a modern and unconventional look.

We then turn to organic shapes that immediately catch the eye due to their uniqueness. They break away from the conventional rectangular or square designs that we often associate with rugs. These irregular shapes can resemble natural forms like pebbles, leaves, or waves, adding an element of surprise to a room.

Organic shapes on rugs often evoke the natural world. They can be reminiscent of the curves of a river or the irregularity of tree branches. This connection to nature can bring a sense of tranquillity and harmony to your interior design.

Interestingly, abstract patterns can also work well in minimalist spaces. A carefully chosen irregular rug with subtle abstract elements can add visual interest without overwhelming the simplicity of the design. It strikes a balance between minimalism and artistic expression.







It's official: Bouclé is here to stay. From Coco Chanel's world-famous jacket in the 1950s and designer Eero Saarinen's fashioning of the Womb Chair for Florence Knoll to everything from curtains, cushions and couches in 2024, boucle isn't going anywhere.

French for 'curl' or 'loop', bouclé is an upholstery fabric characterised by its nubby, almost fleecy appearance, from the little loops in the yarn. Whilst commonly made from wool fibres, you can also find the textile in linen, cotton and even silk. It's known for its cozy, textured look and adds a touch of sophistication to any space.

Neutral colours like beige and cream are dominating bouclé fabric choices. These hues create a serene and timeless ambiance in interior spaces, making them feel inviting and cozy. While neutral tones are prevalent, bold and vibrant colours like emerald green, deep blue, and rich burgundy are also being used with bouclé to create striking accents in rooms.

Designers have found the material paired perfectly with curved shapes, another trend that is showing no sign of stopping, manifesting in rounded edged sofas and shapely accent chairs.

We suggest combining bouclé with other textures such as leather, velvet, and wood. This mix of materials adds depth and visual interest to interiors, making them more dynamic.

Although it's mostly used as a plain, look out for bouclé fabrics with ethnic and global-inspired patterns that are being used to infuse a sense of wanderlust and uniqueness into interior spaces. We're also seeing classic, timeless patterns such as a simple check or houndstooth made from bouclé, bringing a modern twist on this traditionally plain neutral fabric.



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1.SOFA LENNOX 2.BAR STOOL DONATO 3.CHAIR CAPRICORN 4.SWIVEL CHAIR MAGUIRE 5.INGER SOFA



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WHAT DOES CORE BRING TO THE TWENTY TWENTY FORE?

I chat with Core Furniture's Managing Director Ivone Azevedo Fuchs about all things Core...

What's next for Core in 2024?

We are committed to solidifying our position as the foremost Southern African distributor of premier European brands, consistently aligning with the latest design trends and remaining at the forefront of innovation. Excitingly, we'll be at the Milan Furniture Fair in April, eager to witness the unveiling of the latest designs from our prized brands. Additionally, we have plans for the expansion of our operations in Johannesburg and look forward to showcasing our offerings at the 100% Design show, as part of Decorex, in August.

What are your key strengths going into 2024?

In addition to exclusively representing illustrious global brands such as EICHHOLTZ, DEDON, and VONDOM, I consider our greatest strength to be my team. Our slogan, "We are Design," perfectly encapsulates the essence of my team. They immerse themselves in design, living, eating, and dreaming it. Their passion and enthusiasm resonate in how they engage with and advise both our trade and private clients. Moreover, we provide a robust resource for interior designers, offering an extensive range that caters to diverse design themes. Our 18 years of experience in importing from Europe enhances the value we bring to the table.

What's your favourite piece in your collections?

It's tough to pick a favourite, but if I had to choose, I'd say it's the Sofa Bjorn by Eichholtz. Firstly, I'm a huge fan of boucle fabric, and secondly, comfort is paramount for me. As with all Eichholtz pieces, it provides a high level of comfort, and I particularly love its stunning, curvaceous design.





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