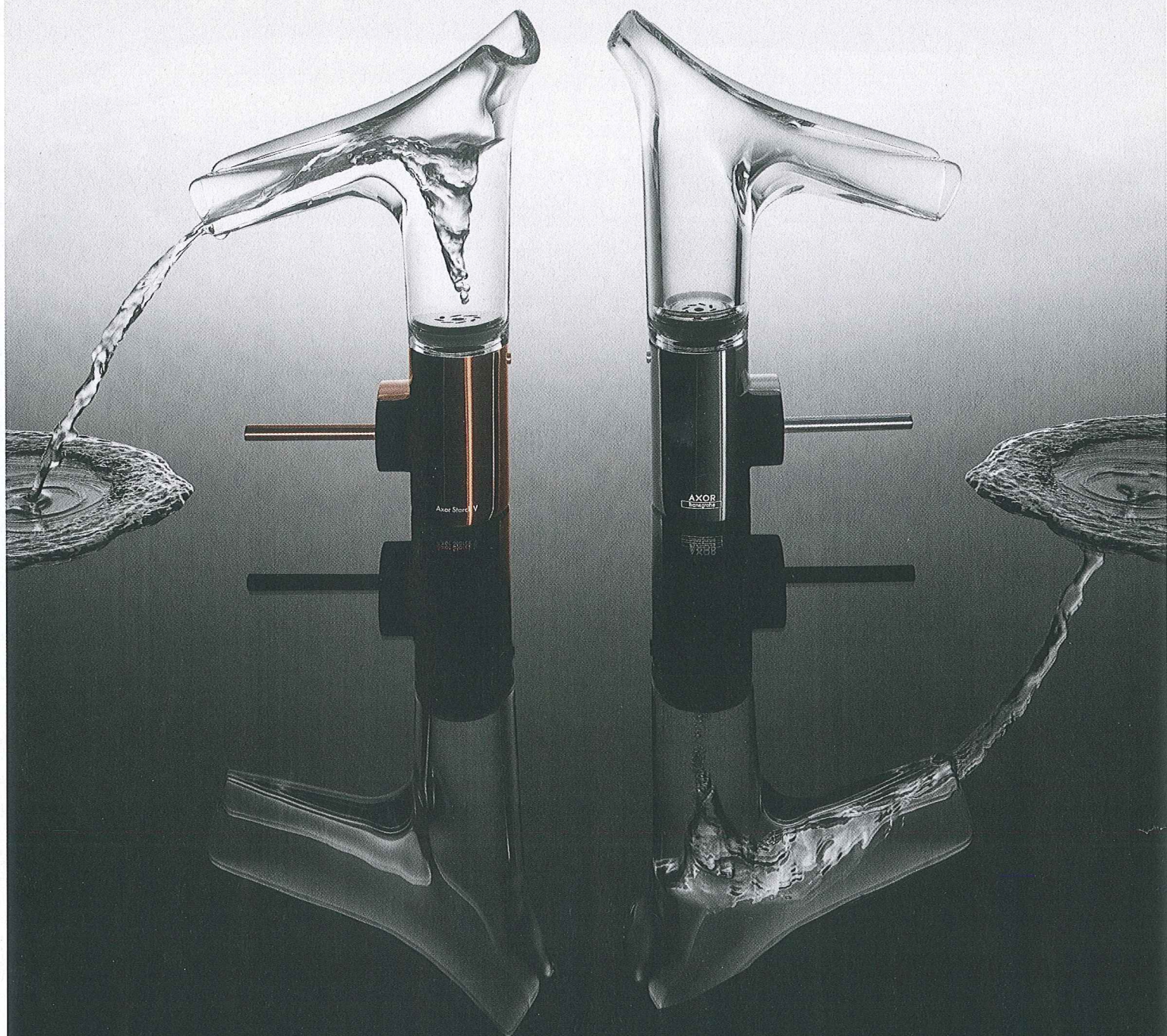


Judges' Winners

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THIS PAGE, THE CRYSTAL
GLASS BODY OF THE 'AXOR
STARCK V' TAP PUTS THE
NORMALLY INVISIBLE VORTEX
OF WATER ON DISPLAY

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'Matteo Thun Edition' sauna, by Matteo Thun and Antonio Rodriguez, for Klafs

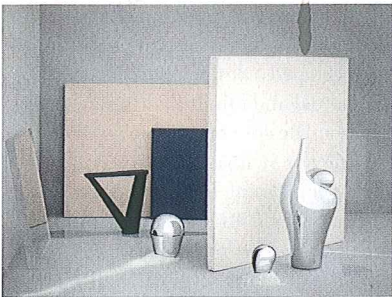
Key features: A carefully-lit cocoon that offers both privacy and views of the outside world

Materials: A glass-fronted cube wrapped in hemlock, oak or walnut slats

Price: From €20,000

matteothun.com; klafs.com

Designed by long-term collaborators Matteo Thun and Antonio Rodriguez for German spa specialist Klafs, this new pared-back sauna is encased in wooden slats, which offer privacy as well as filtering natural light to create a calming environment. The cube-shaped sauna also boasts a discreet lighting and heating system hidden in the sides of the seating steps. 'We wanted to create a space of complete refuge,' says Thun. 'Once the door is closed behind you, no disturbing elements and no visible technology distract from the relaxation.'



Tableware collection, by Aldo Bakker, for Georg Jensen

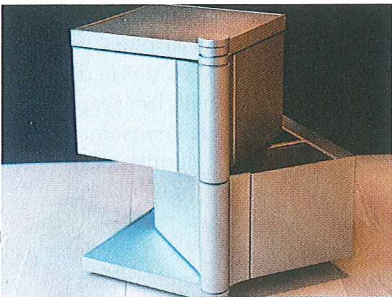
Key features: Four sculptural, sensual forms inspired by the work of Henning Koppel

Materials: Stainless steel and iron

Price: From €58-€295

aldobakker.com; georgjensen.com

For his latest collection for Georg Jensen, Aldo Bakker has created a modern tribute to Henning Koppel, who worked for the silverware specialist for several decades, producing iconic pitcher designs. The four-piece set is composed of a compact salt cellar, a sinuous water pitcher and a graceful sugar container, all in polished stainless steel, as well as the starker, more geometric oil pourer in cast iron. Each vessel's shape is the result of a careful study of the flowing of liquids and substances, giving each container an independent identity.



'Solitaire' kitchen system, by Bulthaup

Key features: Ultra-flexible units, with clever storage, designed to encourage a shared cooking experience

Materials: Oak, powder-coated aluminium and concrete

Price: On request

bulthaup.com

Eschewing traditional, rigid kitchen structures, Bulthaup's flexible 'Solitaire' system allows for greater individualisation. It features a cooking table; a water point; preparation and display cabinets; wall-mounted shelving; and a waste bin. Elements can be placed anywhere in the room and accessed from all sides, encouraging flexibility and a shared cooking experience. Units are based on a height-adjustable aluminium structure radiating from a circular joint, holding work surfaces and storage elements.



'Axor Starck V' tap, by Philippe Starck, for Hansgrohe

Key features: A tap with a glass body and an open-ended spout allows users to see a water vortex in action

Materials: Crystal glass with 12 different base and finish options

Price: On request

starck.com; hansgrohe.com

It was the patriarch of the Hansgrohe family business, Klaus Grohe, who first suggested that Philippe Starck explore a transparent tap for them. And it was Grohe who realised that such a tap could showcase the strangely hypnotic vortex of water it funnels. The result is a high-quality crystal glass body that clicks on a base available in many different finishes, from chrome to high-gloss white. The dirt-resistant, high-quality crystal glass can also be easily removed and cleaned in a dishwasher without having to close the valve.



'Lanterne d'Hermès' light, by Yann Kersalé, for Hermès

Key features: A beautifully conceived portable lantern made up of four smaller lights

Materials: Leather, aluminium and glass

Price: On request

ykersale.com; hermes.com

Part of Hermès' first lighting collection, Yann Kersalé's portable lantern is inspired by the shape of old carriage lamps and lighthouse lights. Renowned for his lighting installations and architectural illuminations, Kersalé has created this clever, minimalist piece by placing four wedge-shaped light sources, encased in water-resistant caramel calfskin leather, on a circular leather base. The LEDs work wirelessly, each powered by a rechargeable battery, and the light can be used indoors or outdoors, taken apart or used as a single fixture.