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Sophia Salaman chooses the best merchandise and events worldwide



From top: blond 'Klismos' chair from Virginia White; 'Ivy' chandelier from Porta Romana; terrace at Le Sirenuse; 'Dolcevita' bed from Natuzzi;



■ With an interior design practice in London, Virginia White maintains the highest standards in both traditional and modern furniture. Her 'Klismos' chair takes inspiration from the seats depicted on ancient Greek vases of the fifth century BC, albeit somewhat pared down and considerably more comfortable. The chairs are handmade in solid limed oak and tanned leather. Ring 020 7226 1344, or visit virginiawhite.co.uk.

■ Porta Romana's stunning 'Ivy' chandelier by Tord Boontje is part of its beautiful 'Enchanted Forest' collection. Lengths of ivy twist through a central frame to recreate the shapes of sunlight and shadow that would come through the tree canopy in a forest. The chandelier has a sculptural feel as well as being naturalistic, romantic and magical. Porta Romana, Design Centre Chelsea Harbour, London SW10 (020 7352 0440; portaromana.co.uk).

■ Le Sirenuse stands on Positano's colourful waterfront on the Amalfi Coast. The hotel, which the Sersale family opened in their former summer house in 1951, offers a rare combination of luxury and the intimacy and comfort of a private home. Traditional hand-painted Vietri tiles and antiques fill the rooms, each of which has been decorated in a unique way. The jewel in the hotel's crown is the terrace, with its unparalleled views over the glittering Mediterranean. Ring 00 39 089 875 066, or visit sirenuse.it.

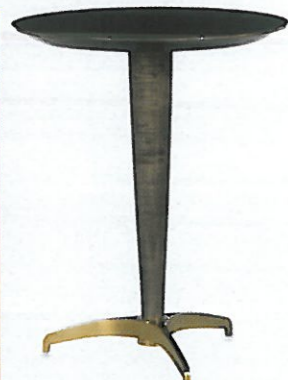
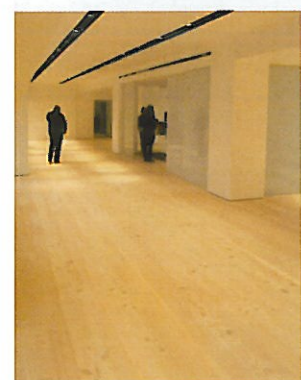
■ Italy's largest furniture company, Natuzzi, has launched a new range of contemporary beds and bedroom furniture. The collection features six exclusive designs that embody the firm's unique blend of style and functionality. The 'Dolcevita' bed combines the inspiration of classic Italian films such as *La Dolce Vita* with the buttoned upholstery of that British design icon, the chesterfield. The 'Oasi' bed has a curved headboard and handy storage in the base. The 'Vela' integrates comfort and ergonomic design, featuring an adjustable headboard that ensures the ideal position for either reading or sleeping. Ring 01322 771442, or visit natuzzi.co.uk.

■ Masterpiece London returns to the Royal Hospital Chelsea this summer, from 25 June to 1 July. Now in its fifth year, the show has become a firm favourite in the city's busy summer art season. With over 150 galleries exhibiting, the pieces on display span more than 3,000 years of art history from antiquity to the present. The fair provides a unique opportunity for discerning collectors as well as creating an unprecedented event for curators and visitors. Masterpiece London, Royal Hospital Chelsea, London SW3 (020 7499 7470; masterpiecefair.com).

■ PDQ can provide real timber flooring to suit any type of interior. Its range – which includes oak, walnut, maple, cherry, ash and beech – demonstrates the versatility and timelessness of wood flooring, as well as its health benefits in reducing dust and grime. The company's team of experts will visit your home to check the structure of the property before sending a thorough and detailed quote for the completion and maintenance of your project. Ring 020 7107 2810, or visit pdqcf.co.uk.

■ Davidson London's showroom attracts a loyal clientele from around the world. The company's versatile furniture maintains its timeless appeal while introducing new elements each year. This spring the firm is offering a range of new finishes in lighter, warmer wood tones. The 'Alsop' table combines this new palette with polished gold and bronze to highlight the richer colours. Davidson London, Design Centre Chelsea Harbour, London SW10 (020 7751 5537; davidsonlondon.com).

■ Soane's new spring range explores the sculptural and three-dimensional qualities of rattan. Its eight new designs include the 'Isis' daybed, upholstered in Soane's new 'Catulpa Old Flax' fabric, which is based on an Egyptian design and handmade by weavers; the cane frame is bound in rattan. Soane, 50-52 Pimlico Rd, London SW1 (020 7730 6400; soane.com). ▷



wooden flooring by PDQ; 'Alsop' table from Davidson London; Soane's 'Isis' rattan daybed, upholstered in 'Catulpa Old Flax' fabric

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