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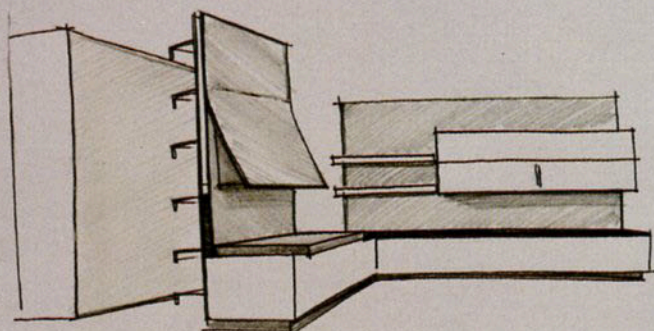
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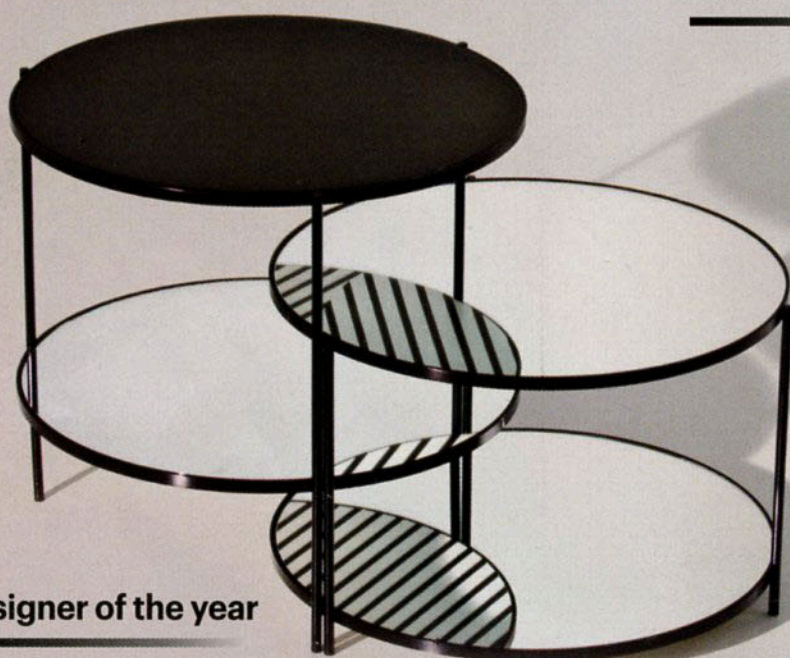
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Nendo

Canadian-born Oki Sato set up design company Nendo in 2002 with the aim of reimagining quotidian objects and needs, providing what he epigrammatically calls a small '!' moment. And there have been plenty of those moments at Nendo: a USB flash drive that doubles as a paperclip; a fruit bowl that changes its shape through a simple magnetic lining; and a table with a mirror to reflect its hidden pattern. The ingenuity of his designs is matched only by Sato's almost childlike joy in deconstruction, and in reshaping the mundane into something fresh without letting it lose any of its original function. www.nendo.jp

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'Set' oven hood, by Rodolfo Dordoni, for Dada

Known for his rigorous sense of form and function, Italian architect Rodolfo Dordoni is also an accomplished cook. This explains why the modular shelves and work spaces of his new 'Set' kitchen for Dada flow so organically. Essential tools are always near to hand and the sequence of movements between stations is rhythmic. Central to 'Set' is the cooking hood, a totem-like pillar that flares out in brushed-steel glory, its shape cleverly concealing all the electrical components and a powerful extraction fan. Dordoni's design works equally well flush against the wall or hovering sleekly over an island stove. www.dadaweb.it

Best new restaurant

Sur Mesure, Paris, by Patrick Jouin and Sanjit Manku

At the Mandarin Oriental's Sur Mesure, bar tables resemble glass-framed bronze mushrooms and a Kubrickian glass door leads guests into a main hall boasting an all-white décor. There's even a UFO-shaped light installation in the winter garden and a unisex bathroom wrapped entirely in rose-coloured scales. Jouin and Manku's futuristic interiors provide the perfect backdrop to Thierry Marx's imaginative, experimental menu inspired by new Japanese culinary techniques. Highlights include a poached hen's egg in a roll of scrambled egg white, and risotto with bean sprouts and truffles in soya-milk foam. www.mandarinoriental.com/paris

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