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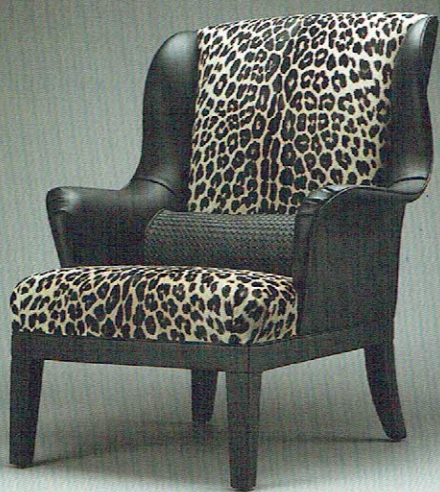
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LOUD AND CLEAR

A signature piece of the Bottega Veneta Home Collection, the Meta wingback chair was first created in collaboration with Poltrona Frau in 2008 and features soft leather upholstery and a wooden pillow with the maison's trademark intrecciato weave. For its latest collection, showcased at the Salone del Mobile 2016, creative director Tomas Maier updated the chair with a wilder look—pony skin matched with leopard print—making it a statement piece for your stylish abode. bottegaveneta.com

Wild Abandon

Pieces for the home so untamed your guests will do a double take

PRIMATE BUSINESS

From the front, this La Coupe des Dieux dining chair by Versace Home looks like any other monochrome leather chair—uncharacteristic of the house known for its striking prints and bold patterns. But turn it around and you won't be able to take your eyes off the printed silk panel featuring a majestic gorilla on its circular backrest. This alone is enough to keep your guests in their seats, if not staring at it all night. versace.com



ON THE SURFACE

These days, when white walls are favoured for a trendy Scandinavian vibe, wallpapers might seem outdated. Yet like paintings, they can easily change the mood of a room. London-based design house de Gournay knows this all too well. Its in-house artists hand-paints each and every one of its wallpapers, fabrics and porcelains. The works, such as this 18th-century style turquoise St Laurent wall covering, bring to life the best of nature. Available at Tatum Singapore (tel: 6221 2524)

WADDLE UP

At first glance, it's difficult to tell what it is. Can you put your cup on it? Can you sit on it? Do you think it's alive? Oh, of course it's a lamp! The Duck Feet Lamp is a signature piece of British lighting and furniture company Porta Romana that harks back to the whimsical surrealist movement. The shaggy lampshade is made of cast brass and ostrich feather, while its lanky legs are hand-painted in decayed gold. It also comes in a variety of other feathery and non-feathery designs, colours and finishes. Available at Vanilla Home (tel: 6324 6206)



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What makes a house a home? Most people would contend that it's the people living in it and the memories they make over time. They're not wrong.

However, the space that holds the happy moments exists not only in the mind—it's invested in the physical space, the living quarters. We don't just remember our friends coming over for dinner parties; we remember how the evening light shines through the floor-to-ceiling windows, illuminating wine glasses and happy faces. When we reminisce our children's first steps, we are unlikely to forget how they stumbled their way to us on the exotic hardwood flooring specially picked out by our significant other.

This is where Renaissance Planners & Designers comes in. The interior design philosophy behind the multidisciplinary practice, established in 1994 by Kelvin Bing, is all about the people. The firm's tight-knit team of 14, comprising architectural, landscape and product designers who have received multiple accolades including the Singapore Design Award, work closely with its clients to create a design language unique to the people living in the home.

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