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# 9\_LIGHT AS A FEATHER

Italian design powerhouse Magis has joined the De De Ce stable with dedicated spaces at the Melbourne and Perth showrooms and a standalone concept store adjoining the retailer's Sydney premises. Magis managing director Alberto Perazza (right), son of company founder Eugenio Perazza, travelled to Australia to toast this new partnership and introduce the brand's latest addition, the 'Vela' chair by Tel Aviv-based designers Gilli Kuchik and Ran Amitai. Just launched in Milan, the piece achieves a startling degree of near-weightlessness thanks to its innovations in die-cast magnesium technology. "We met Gilli and Ran on our stand at Salone 2018 and had heard about their work, so we started a dialogue," says Alberto. Magis already had a keen interest in magnesium, and Gilli and Ran's native Israel is home to several companies specialising in the material, used mostly in aviation (the 'Vela' chair is the only Magis product manufactured outside Italy). As Alberto explains, experiments in materiality are often the starting point for Magis, as with the successful wroughtiron 'Officina' range by the Bouroullec brothers, which first launched with a table in 2014 and now comprises sofas, seating and accessories. "Our idea was to take this traditional fabrication process of ornate wrought iron and make products with a modern, contemporary language." dedece.com



### 5 IN THE ELEMENTS

Unveiled by Maniera Gallery at Design Miami/Basel, the second furniture collection from Studio Mumbai melds traditional Indian crafts with inspiration from Italian frescos and ancient Egyptian artefacts, all wrought with natural stone, brick, bamboo, obsidian, and Japanese washi paper. maniera.be



Floris Wubben
constructs his own
semi-industrial
machines to produce
ceramic lighting and
furniture, which he
views as co-dependent
collaborations
between designer and
device. Additions to
his 'Pressed Project'
series were shown by
The Future Perfect at
Design Miami/Basel.
tbefutureperfect.com

## 7\_ LIGHT MATTERS

Named after the Hubble telescope, James Howe's latest creation combines a slip-cast porcelain diffuser with an elegant, slimline base in natural oak. jamesbowe.com.au

# 8\_ BLOW UP

Used en masse for the staging of Prada's \$19 menswear show, Verner Panton's 1960s inflatable stool has been re-issued by the fashion house in a very limited edition. greatdanefurniture.com

