



how to spend it

A chance to snap up rare and limited pieces from Salone

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For the hordes of visitors currently descending on Milan for Design Week, patience is not only a virtue but an absolute necessity. Tempted by the newest delights in furniture and design, they normally have to wait months (until the autumn in the UK) to get their hands on them. This year, however – thanks to its close relationships with many of the leading design brands – Yoox.com is spoiling us. And we don't even have to join the crowds in Milan to benefit.

From April 12 to 17, Yoox will display a selection of brand-new pieces being launched at the Salone – “an extraordinary preview made up of pre-series products and the very first production pieces” – that are available for purchase immediately. So if you want to swank about your latest, truly ahead-of-the-pack purchase, head to Yoox.com's “design” area, where you can expect to see some of the big names presenting at Milan, from designers such as Jasper Morrison and **David Chipperfield** to the brands Alessi, **Cappellini**, Established & Sons and Zanotta.

The disarmingly simple BAC ONE and BAC TWO wooden chairs by Jasper Morrison for Cappellini have particularly caught my eye – these curvy yet clean-lined hand-made prototypes are part of a limited-edition run prepared for the Cappellini showroom and stand at Milan (£400; second picture shows BAC ONE chair). If space is at a premium but you want an exclusive, take a look at David Chipperfield's recycled-polypropylene **Alessi** chair (£131), which, using a single pivot, folds absolutely flat and is the pre-series, first-certified production run of the product to which Yoox has privileged early access. Richard Woods' Red Brick lamp for Memphis Milano (second picture, £1,533), meanwhile, is exactly as it sounds: an industrial-flavoured yet utterly desirable brick-shaped light in an eye-popping hot red with a bare bulb and “Memphis” lettering at one end – perfect for a loft-style apartment or hipster's snug.

All the pieces are available now in limited quantities. By selecting “express delivery”, you might even be able to enjoy your purchase before Milan Design Week is over. Good things, it seems, come to those who won't wait...

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