

## Fratelli Boffi and Casamanara: eccentric design and geometrical forms for the new look Hotel Mirabeau in Monaco



A historic hotel in Monaco (on the French Riviera), the **Hotel Mirabeau** has recently been converted into 8 luxury apartments based on a design by architect **Piero Manara**. The main entrance and communal areas have also been entirely rethought; then, to give further power and dynamism to the space, the architect has chosen the eclectic furnishings and expertise of Fratelli Boffi.

Playing with different heights, low ceilings and various entrances, the project aims to create a labyrinthine sensation that can already be perceived from the street.



In this intriguing setting, the pentagonal forms of the now iconic **Lui 5** Vienna Straw armchair and the **Lui 6** armchair, again inspired by softened geometrical profiles but with button tufting upholstery, both creations by the talented **Philippe Bestenheider**, give elegance and originality and create small living rooms for moments of fun in good company.



From the design of the floor to the wall coverings, to the complicated motif for the plaster, everything is designed to bring out the best in this fascinating hotel, located just a stone's throw from the sea. The furnishings of the Lui collection are therefore accompanied by sofas designed ad hoc: the soft, sinuous lines of the sofas in the shades of cream and ivory fit in harmoniously to give new life and splendour to these locations.



Again in the communal areas, the **Magique table**, which was presented at the Maison & Objet fair in 2009, embellishes environments where traditional carpets and oak and lacquer wall panels create a fluid passage from the life of the street into the interior of the residences.

## Ni-Tapas Restaurant

Inside the hotel, the new **Ni-Tapas restaurant**, a new design by the Casamanara studio, aims to give an industrial interpretation of traditional Spanish tapas bars.



An enormous wooden counter is structured to create small niches for customers to sit in comfort to taste the dishes on offer, giving the possibility of observing the kitchen and preparation of the food. All around the design chairs and the ruby red **upholstered benches** by Fratelli Boffi contribute to giving the space a retro air. The same benches also mark the perimeter of the room, acting as comfortable seats for the tables. Finally, two separate areas complete the space: a raised dining room and a “bodega”.

Specially designed to give the idea of an “incomplete” space, from the concrete slabs to the exposed pipes, to the vintage floor and furnishings, this venue, both simple and sophisticated at the same time, welcomes you into a fresh, uninhibited environment capable of transmitting the warmth and zeal of Spain.



## Fratelli Boffi chosen by Alchemy for their Designopolis showroom (Cairo).



In October **Alchemy**, the prestigious Egyptian interior design and architecture studio, opened its third and largest showroom in the new **Designopolis** district of Cairo, which is entirely devoted to design and furnishings.

The event offered the opportunity to present its collection, developed with the participation of some of the best known names in international design, as well as its new associations with various prestigious brands in order to represent European design and culture perfectly.

Among these there could not fail to be a place for **Fratelli Boffi**, who presented many products coming from a number of its imaginative collections. Armchairs, sofas, poufs with their eccentric shapes, as well as lamps, small tables, bookcases and mirrors, all confirming once again the potential and individuality of the company from La Brianza and its predilection for extraordinary materials and attention to details.

