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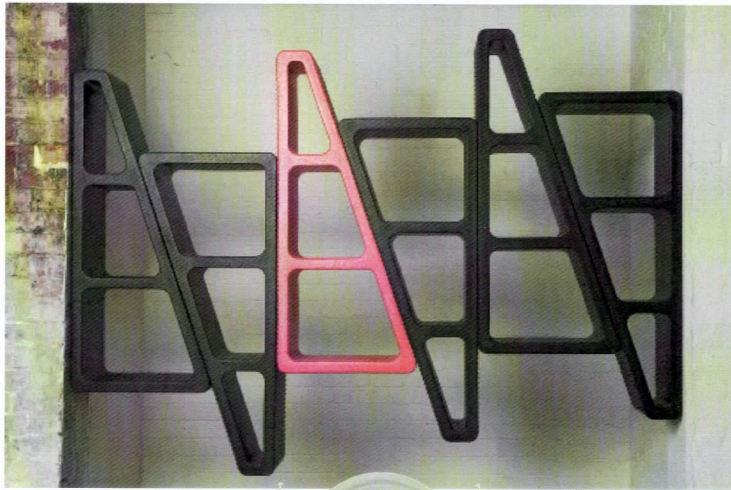
CREEM OF THE CROP

Renowned for his work with Prada, Georg Jensen and Veuve Clicquot, design guru Karim Rashid's latest effort reiterates his position as master of all creative mediums. Teaming with Turkish homewares brand Gaia&Gino, Karim has produced *Creemy*, a fine-bone china set encompassing cup and saucer, tea and coffee server, milk server, sugar bowl, mug, and espresso cup and saucer. karimrashid.com, gaiaandgino.com



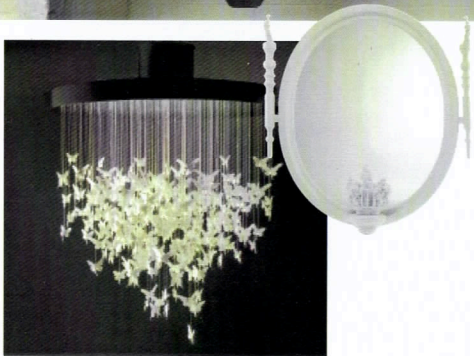
SHELF LIFE

Peter Marigold's Make/Shift shelving system is like a Lego set for grown-ups. Available by the pair, the triangular units lock into place via corrugated edges that mean they can sit in any alcove. Unlike run-of-the-mill wall-mounted shelves, Make/Shift is completely interchangeable and therefore a brilliant storage solution for those who like to re-invent their space regularly. Manufactured in pink, black and white Arpro EPP and also in wood, Make/Shift can also be used as a freestanding display shelf with the help of a few sturdy clips. *At \$160 a pair, Europe's moviis.com is the exclusive stockist.*



OBJET OF AFFECTION

The Maison et Objet interior show earlier this year was the platform chosen for the launch of Re-Deco, a new collection from Spanish porcelain giant Lladro. Popular with the European bourgeoisie, the traditional Lladro figurines have been modernised at the hands of new art director Jaime Hayon and this collection sits comfortably in the most contemporary space. Also available in the range are platinum-coloured mirrors and table lamps. Australian Re-Deco stockists can be found at lladro.com and while you are there, the Re-Cyclos Magical, by Bob Sperlein, is also worth a gander.



FAULTLESS TOWERS

May marked the seventh opening for husband-and-wife hotelier team Tim and Kit Kemp, an insightful duo with a knack for securing prime London real estate to house their chic boutique hotels. Nestled between Trafalgar Square and The National Portrait Gallery, the Haymarket Hotel comprises 50 bedroom suites and four townhouses, featuring every amenity imaginable. The interiors have been individually created by Kit, whose sensitive design pays homage to the historical John Nash building while also infusing the space with a contemporary English edge. Aside from the location and the lushness of Haymarket, a big drawcard is the 18m swimming pool that boasts a bar, lounge area and state-of-the-art music and lighting system. Little wonder it's a favourite for celebrity soirees and A-list antics. haymarkethotel.com