



DUTCH TREAT

Hotel am Steinplatz in Berlin reopens after an extensive renovation; the historic icon, in Marriott's Autograph Collection, celebrates its 100th year. We spied the festive Ruban Plié Oval by Jacco Maris styling overhead! authographhotels.com

OUR BLOGGER'S CHOICE ALUMS ARE GALLIVANTING TO BRING DESIGN TO LIGHT...



Richard Rabel tapped Spain for this stacked geometric "Trenza" silver centerpiece by Juan and Paloma Garrido, inspired by Cubism, in an edition of eight. While silver's luster may have begun to tarnish with recent generations these siblings are on track to resuscitate the art form. The Garridos have been exhibited at Asprey in London, Herve van de Straeten in Paris, Madrid's National Museum of Decorative Arts, and New York's Museum of Arts and Design. themodernsybarite.com



A playful and practical quartet of Puppet Pillows from Gus' Modern caught the eye of **Kathy Sandler**. Silk-screened on cotton, the shadow puppet images offer a touch of childlike humor without being the least childish. Sold as a set in either 20" x 20" or 20" x 10," they are perfect for layering, and the black and white graphic suits any design scheme. They can also pull double duty as a guide to showing off your shadow skills! livethefinelife.com



Great design can be found in unexpected places. Covering Messe Frankfurt's Ambiente fair, **Carmen Natschke** discovered a bathroom vignette in an exhibition honoring Ambiente's partner, France, and curated by Olivia Putman, daughter of design's grande dame, the late Andree Putman. She was especially mesmerized by Studio Putman's bathtub, its whimsical bubble legs sitting gracefully upon a shimmering silver Bisazza mosaic rug. This was a design still life but meant to be lived in and enjoyed on all levels – aesthetic, functional and visceral. thedecoratingdiva.com



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Classic Style



Magni Modernism, published by Abrams in 2013, is a lush journey of James Magni's storied 25-year design career. abramsbooks.com