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# Swing state

A heavy-duty new range by Da a is poetry in motion

Launched in Lecce, in southern Italy, in 2015, design brand Da a (which translates as 'from to') follows a simple principle: to create furnishings using the tools and techniques traditionally used to make heavy-duty machinery. With a growing collection of indoor and outdoor furniture and accessories designed by a healthy roster of young Italian designers, the brand experiments with old manufacturing processes to bring to life new design ideas. Its latest collection includes the 'Ring-O' swing, a whimsical but technically accurate piece by Saverio Incombenti. Featuring a hand-welded, curved metal frame, the swing is essentially composed of two intersecting metal rings suspended by a jute rope. The Milanese industrial designer drew inspiration from his penchant for geometric shapes, resulting in a minimal nest that offers the body a few moments of blissful escape. *'Ring-O' indoor/outdoor swing, €3,500, by Da a, daaitalia.com*

## ■ BALANCING ACT

Earlier this year, Hermès unveiled a collection of objects that celebrate the company's leather excellence but are also imbued with a whimsical, playful nature. Dubbed 'Équilibre d'Hermès', and designed by its in-house design studio in collaboration with Guillaume Delvigne, Grégoire de Lafforest and Damian O'Sullivan, the series is crafted in exquisite fawn bull calf leather and includes items such as spinning tops, a saddle-shaped magazine rack, and a freestanding, balancing magnifying glass. From the collection, the icosahedron paperweight particularly caught our attention for its simplicity, geometric perfection, and luxurious execution. Crafted from leather-covered resin, each of its 20 faces is hand-stitched with a special technique that has only been mastered by few of the company's craftsmen and stamped with a gold number from 1-20. This design heavyweight certainly gets our stamp of approval. *From left to right, 'Équilibre d'Hermès' desk blotter, £4,090; 'Équilibre d'Hermès' icosahedron paperweight, £2,565; A4 writing pad, £35; 'Grain D'h' notebook, £35, all by Hermès. 'Nautilus' fountain pen, £1,015, by Marc Newson, for Hermès, hermes.com*

