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CURRENTS

LIGHTING

Diesel Goes to Venice for a New Lamp

▶ Diesel's new Pet lamp was made in collaboration with the Venetian lighting manufacturer Foscarini. It may seem like an odd fit for the denim-dominated fashion label, but Diesel has been producing furniture and lighting for two years.

"The lamp recalls something in the near past," said Carlo Urbinati, a founder of Foscarini. "It looks like it has already led a life, like their jeans."

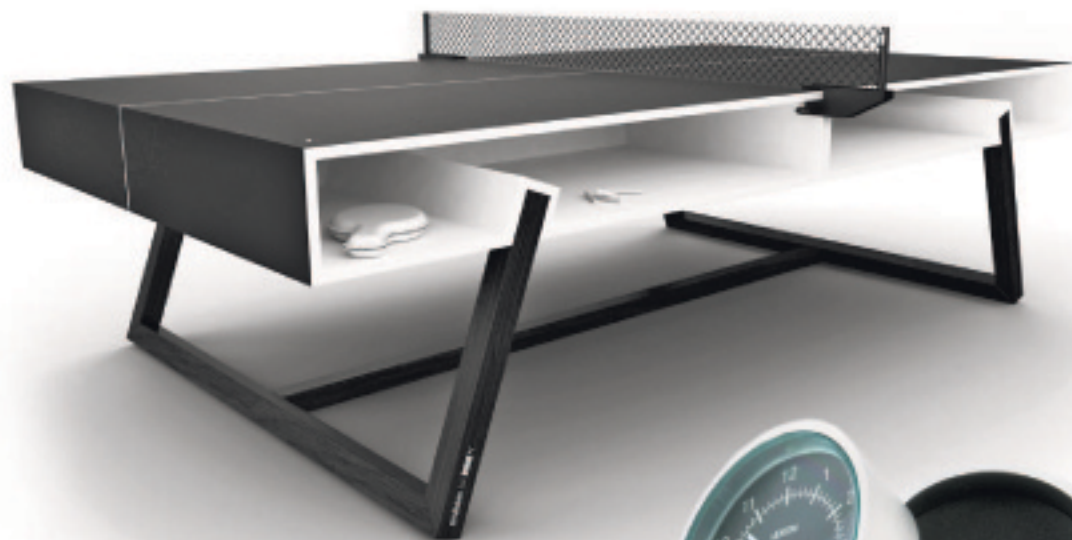
For Foscarini, a company known for sleek, modern lighting by designers like Tom Dixon and Karim Rashid, the Pet lamp is clearly a departure. "We're looking for a younger and different market," Mr. Urbinati said. "We didn't want to overlap the Foscarini collection."

The lamp has a polycarbonate shade, a metal stem and a rubber base. It is about 16 inches high and comes in four colors (black, white, blue or fuchsia). It will be available for about \$360 in December and can be ordered in advance from the Future Perfect, 55 Great Jones Street (Bowery), (212) 473-2500. **ELAINE LOUIE**



GAMES

Freed From the Basement



▶ The Chalk table was created by Aruliden, a New York design firm, with the sportswear company Puma, to look at home in a modern interior — so table tennis doesn't have to be relegated to the basement. "We've been working with Puma on recreating iconic elements of after-hours sports," said Rinat Aruh, a founder of Aruliden. "Everyone always does things for basketball and baseball, but there's so much love for Ping-Pong."

The designers developed a table that offers a new look and added functionality. The folding table has a dark ceramic finish that can be used as a chalkboard for keeping score, scribbling notes or doodling between games. A lower level holds things like paddles, handbags and drinks. Each table is handmade in Utah and finished off with thick ashwood legs and a net that resembles a miniature chainlink fence, for "a street element," Ms. Aruh said.

Puma plans to place 40 of the tables in bars, hotels and creative agencies across the United States. The table costs \$3,900 at the Conran Shop; information: (866) 755-9079 or conranusa.com.

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DEALS

Summer, Sidewalk and Sample Sales

▶ During ABC Carpet & Home's summer sale, through July 18, nearly everything in stock will be up to 75 percent off (the Hampton sofa, originally \$1,895, is \$1,395; the Louis console by Reeves Design, regularly \$1,095, is \$769; and the Tom Dixon Cage light, originally \$215, is \$129); 888 Broadway (19th Street), (212) 473-3000 or abchome.com.

Mxyplyzyk's sidewalk sale of Lexon products will be held June 19 to 20 just outside the West Village store (sport binoculars, originally \$76, will be \$19; the Ballast alarm clock, above, regularly \$50, will be \$12.50); 125 Greenwich Avenue (Horatio Street), (212) 989-4300 or mxyplyzyk.com. Dakota Jackson's sample sale runs

through June 19 at the designer's Long Island City studio (a leather Kezu club chair, regularly \$8,077, is about \$2,500; the Ocean dining table, originally \$10,448, is about \$3,700; the Modern bed, regularly \$19,775, is about \$6,500); 42-24 Orchard Street (Jackson Avenue), fifth floor, Long Island City, (718) 786-8600 or dakotajackson.com.

Riedel glassware's first sample sale continues through June 20 at Chelsea Market, with items from the Nachtmann and Spiegelau lines up to 70 percent off (four Riedel Overture Magnum wineglasses, originally \$48, are \$29; the Happy O set of four stemless wine tumblers, originally \$60, is \$45); Chelsea Market, 75 Ninth Avenue (15th Street), theprive.com. **RIMA SUQI**

GARDENS

Restored Italian Oasis Is Reopening



▶ The Italian Garden at Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay, N.Y., will open to the public on June 18 after an eight-year, \$500,000 restoration. The sparkling pool has new tiles that replicate the originals, the camellias are blooming and Antonio Canova's marble sculptures of scantily clad nymphs rise from pedestals in the pool.

The quarter-acre garden was designed for Mai and William Robertson Coe in 1916, as part of a 409-acre property, and was re-

designed by the Olmsted Brothers in the 1920s. After Mr. Coe gave the property to New York State in 1955, it became a college and later an arboretum. "The broad landscape was considered important, but the Italian garden was not," said Henry B. Joyce, director of the Planting Fields Foundation. It wasn't until 10 years ago that the garden, which was in disrepair, was seen as significant. Open daily, except Christmas, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; (516) 922-8678. **ELAINE LOUIE**

FURNITURE

Sharp Angles (in the Right Places)



▶ Many ultra-modern chairs look sharp but, unfortunately, they can also feel sharp. Brad Ascalon, a New York designer, addressed this by creating the Pillar chair for Bernhardt Design. "I wanted to contradict the notion that modernism is uncomfortable and uninviting, and prove that it can go hand-in-hand with comfort," Mr. Ascalon said. The Pillar chair has crisp lines and sharp angles, but the seat is surprisingly cocoonlike.

The chair comes in a stationary version and a model with a swivel base, and can be outfitted in dozens of coverings in a wide range of colors (including Kvadrat "Divina" wool fabric, above). It costs \$1,800 to \$2,700 in most fabrics, from Bernhardt Design, 58 West 40th Street (Avenue of the Americas), (212) 907-6600, bernhardtdesign.com.

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