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6 everyone's talking about... BONTEMPI CASA

The brand that embodies great Italian design keeps on giving

Bontempi Casa is a keystone of contemporary Italian furniture design, with its instantly recognisable pieces – like the Artistico dining table and the Kuga chair – appearing in beautiful homes around the world. We spoke to managing director Michele Bontempi about what good design means – and what's next for the brand.

Why do you think good design is so important?

A good design lasts over time, can overcome fashions, adds value to the product and enhances its aesthetics and structure. Good design is also crucial to being competitive in the market.

What is at the forefront of your mind when you design a new piece?

Beauty, functionality, durability. For our projects, we look for solutions that guarantee efficiency but are also pleasing to the eye. We want our furnishings to be not only beautiful and original, but also comfortable to use.

As one of Italy's most established contemporary furniture brands, how do you keep things fresh and interesting?

We invest in the search for young talents who, with their knowledge, can transfer added value to projects, as well as in the search for innovative and sustainable materials with proven performance and benefits.

What is the biggest change you've noticed in furniture design since Bontempi was launched?

Design is transformation. It must also decode the emotional variables of users; it is a mix of culture and tools that finds a functional realisation. We have found eco-friendly alternatives regarding the materials used – for example, the use of leather and wool in coatings, as well as stoneware, wood and laminates for surfaces.

What's next for Bontempi?

We will expand our range of accessories and lighting, and present to the UK market our collection of sofas and armchairs, focusing on the quality of Italian design.



Clockwise, from top left: Michele Bontempi; Drop chair with metal spider base; Drop chairs with conical metal frames, Spark lighting and Millennium table; Nata chair



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