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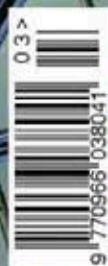
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## FX focus

A 26-page special look at the latest ideas in retail design, with projects, case studies and fantasy concepts, and opinions and predictions for the future from leading names in the sector

# Hotel high art

The flamboyant flair of designer Italo Rota is a perfect match for the latest Boscolo hotel



In brief

**SUSTAINABILITY EVENT**

Climate change Secretary of State Ed Milliband and Defra Secretary of State Hilary Benn are among key speakers at a sustainability two-day masterclass this month. Leading politicians from the three main parties, business people and NGO heads are to address the 2,000 senior business and public-sector management expected to attend the Base (Business and Sustainable Environment) event 16 and 17 March at ExCeL in London. The programme includes keynote sessions, conference modules and 50 networking sessions. [www.baseshow.co.uk](http://www.baseshow.co.uk)

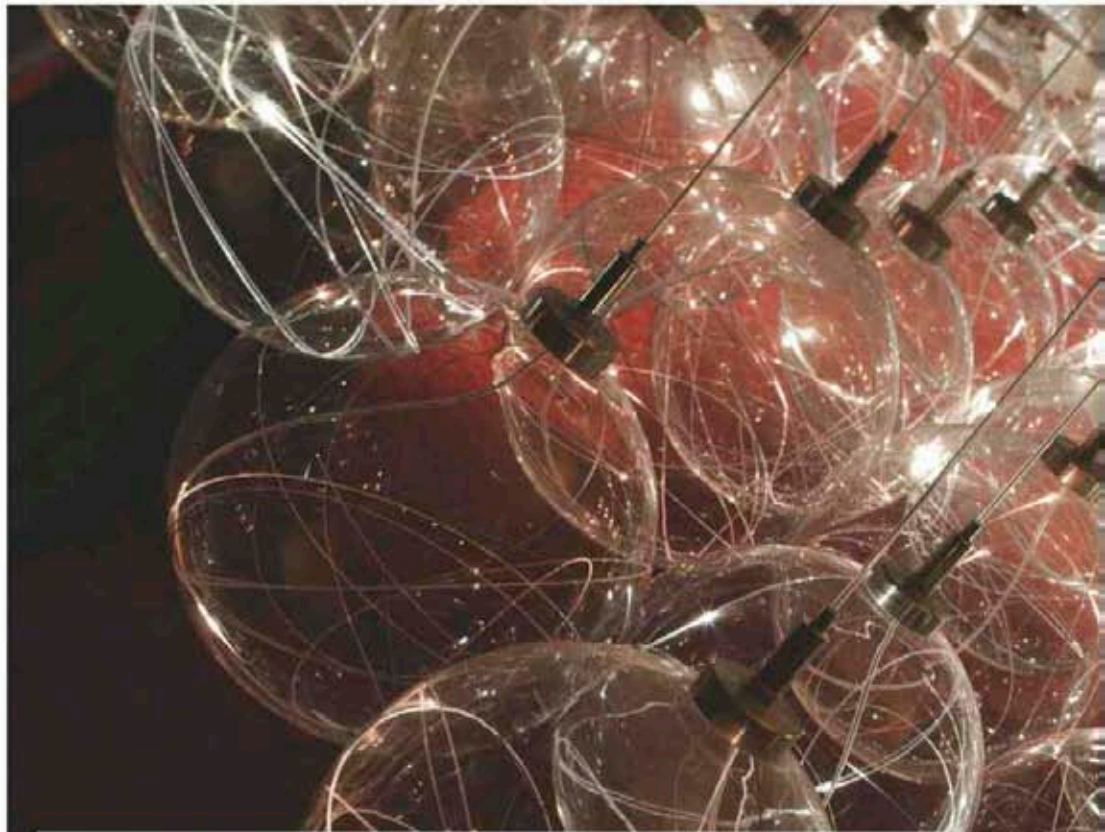
**SCIENCE PARKS: A GUIDE**

A new guide to masterplanning science and technology parks has been published by BRE. The 132-pager promises to be a comprehensive guide for senior management and directors on the masterplanning process, and to give advice on sustainable development, the planning process, creating masterplans and briefing the developer, with case studies showing how sites have been developed. The guide costs £120. [www.brebookshop.com](http://www.brebookshop.com)

**VISUALISE YOUR PROJECT**

The second edition of the book *Realistic Architectural Visualization with 3Ds Max and mental ray*, written by Roger Cusson and Jamie Cardoso has been revised and released. The two authors have many years of experience in AutoCAD and 3D graphics, distilling much of it within the pages of this book.

It features full-colour step-by-step tutorials that give an understanding of the processes and techniques needed to create interior and exterior visualisations. It's published by Elsevier Science & Technology, at £28.



⊕ **THEATRE LIGHTS UP WITH MUNRO**

Impressario Cameron Mackintosh commissions lighting for top London venue

Leading theatre producer Cameron Mackintosh just happened one weekend to have dinner in The Chapel restaurant in Somerset, where one of Bruce Munro's bespoke chandeliers was hanging. And the rest, they say in theatrical circles, is history.

Bruce Munro Ltd was signed up by Mackintosh to create lighting for the Queen's Theatre, in London's Shaftesbury Avenue, creating two unique chandeliers as well as front tier balcony lights and general lighting for the whole of the grade II listed theatre.

The outer shell of the theatre, which was hit by a bomb in 1940, is modern, while the interior is

Edwardian. This presented Munro with the challenge of designing lighting in two distinct idioms.

His glass and fibre-optic Snowball Chandelier (pictured) is in the first floor bar and can be seen from the street. Inside the main auditorium is a central chandelier, which Munro has designed to reflect the Edwardian style of the space. He has supplied wall lights with squirrel lamps in Edwardian style to hang along the dress circle. Elsewhere wall lights with metal diffusers in a more contemporary style bridge the two ages. [www.brucemunro.co.uk](http://www.brucemunro.co.uk)

Top 4 products

**1** Sequel from Optimum International  
Optimum International's new office furniture range Sequel from US design studio BDI offers design features such as magnetically attached panels to keep all wires accessible, yet hidden. It comes in an assortment of wood finishes. [www.optimuminternational.co.uk](http://www.optimuminternational.co.uk)



**2** Rusted by J+J Invision  
The newest addition to the Magnify range of flooring, Rusted is inspired by the colours and textures created by the natural formation of rust. The range is available in 10 colours. [www.j-jinvision.com](http://www.j-jinvision.com)



**3** Moon, by Rimadesio  
With the introduction of Moon, Rimadesio offers an internal door with technical and functional innovations. Its coplanar quality allows the door to appear integrated and unified with the wall. It can be either pushed or pulled, allowing freedom of design.

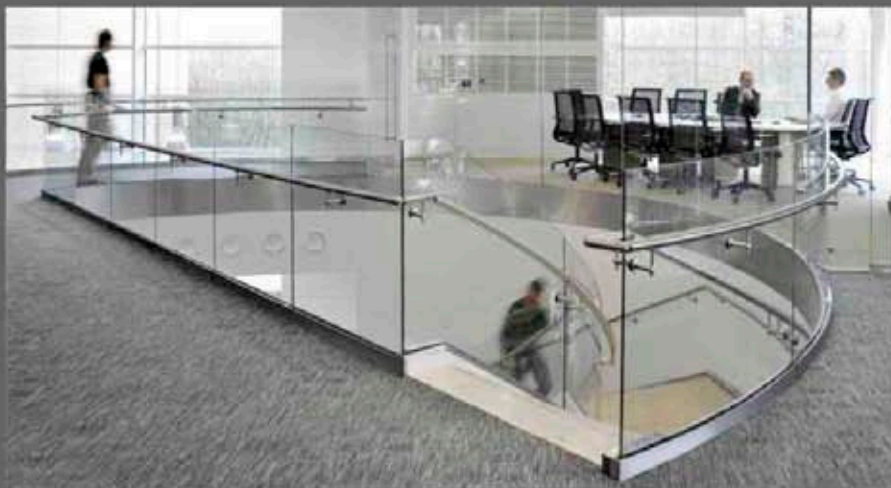
Moon is made entirely of lacquered glass and is characterised by its unusually large and stylishly designed handle. [www.rimadesio.it](http://www.rimadesio.it)





## FOUR INTO ONE GO NICELY FOR ILLUMINA

Research systems company relocated into one new building with HKS fit-out



The new European HQ for the genetic research systems company Illumina has been completed by the HKS workplace team.

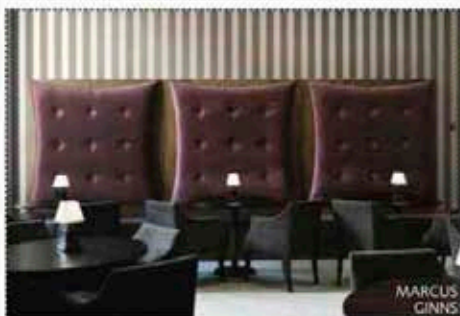
The project consolidates the company's activities from four separate locations into one 4,000 sq m building at Chesterford Research Park, near Cambridge, with HKS working on both the office and laboratory fit-outs from shell to ensure that the new building meets Illumina's specific needs.

The office accommodation is open-plan to

encourage efficient and collaborative team working, and includes both enclosed and open meeting areas, hot desking and touch-down facilities, study booths and centralised services. The design focuses on long-term flexibility to accommodate change and growth.

The linking space to the new laboratories, also created by HKS, features a double-height reception, breakout zone, cafe, formal and informal meeting spaces and a product gallery.

[www.hksinc.com](http://www.hksinc.com)



## CHIC ADDITION TO ROYAL ALBERT HALL

Elgar Room refurbishment unveiled

The latest addition to the facilities at the Royal Albert Hall in London has been opened. Jestico + Whiles created a chic redesign for the Elgar Room to complement the Grade I listed venue's Coda restaurant, which was also designed by the practice.

The Elgar Room was originally used as a theatre. It has been restored to its original proportions by the removal of a non-original raised floor, thereby revealing its elegant, full-height windows. New features, such as a bar, adds a modern element while remaining respectful and sympathetic to the heritage of the space.

[www.jesticowhiles.com](http://www.jesticowhiles.com)



## BORRUSO SCOOPS FIVE DESIGN AWARDS

Three projects take fistful of gongs

American designer and architect Giorgio Borruso has scooped no less than five international design awards at the Retail Design Institute's 39th annual International Design Awards, held in New York. For his work for Zu+ Elements Milan he received the Speciality Store under 140 sq m award and a special innovation award for finishes. For Snaidero USA showroom, New York, he won the Manufacturer's Showroom award and an innovation award for fixture design. And for the Fornari HQ, Milan (featured in FX January 2010) he received a second place award in the Manufacturer's Showroom category.

[www.borrusodesign.com](http://www.borrusodesign.com)

### 4 Millenium, by Union Street Furniture

Union is a new range of street furniture available for the first time in the UK through Crest Contracts. Shown here is the Millenium seat, made of tropical hardwoods from sustainable sources.

[www.crestcontracts.co.uk](http://www.crestcontracts.co.uk)

