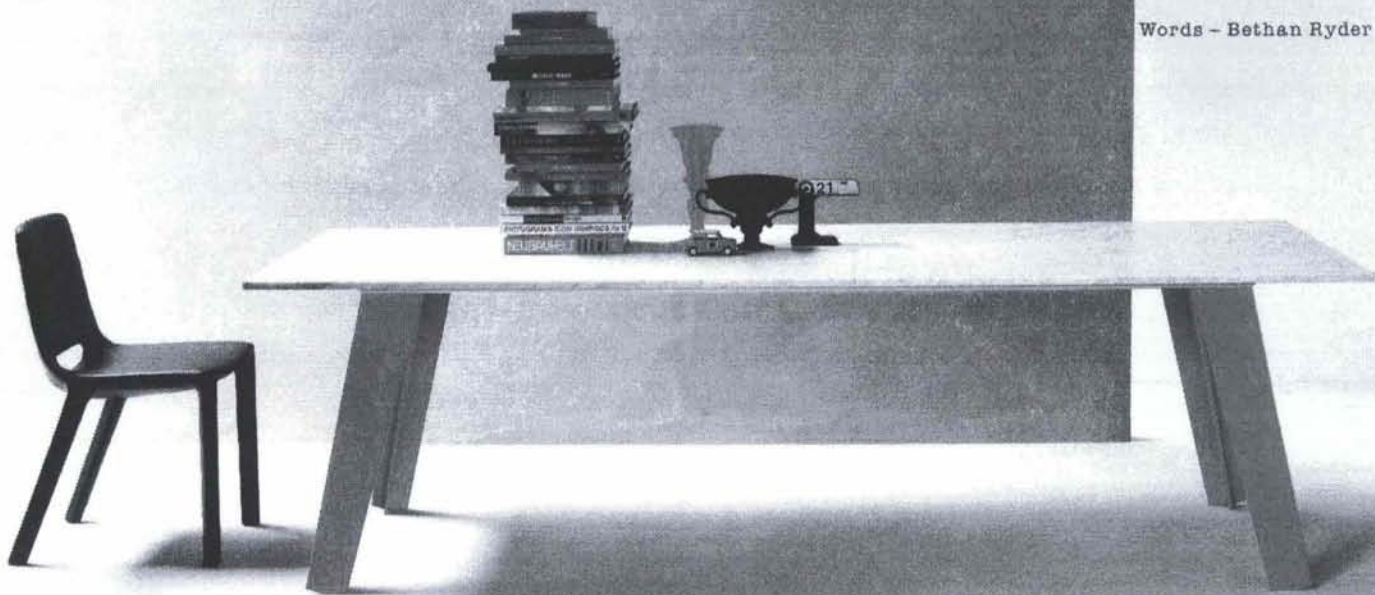


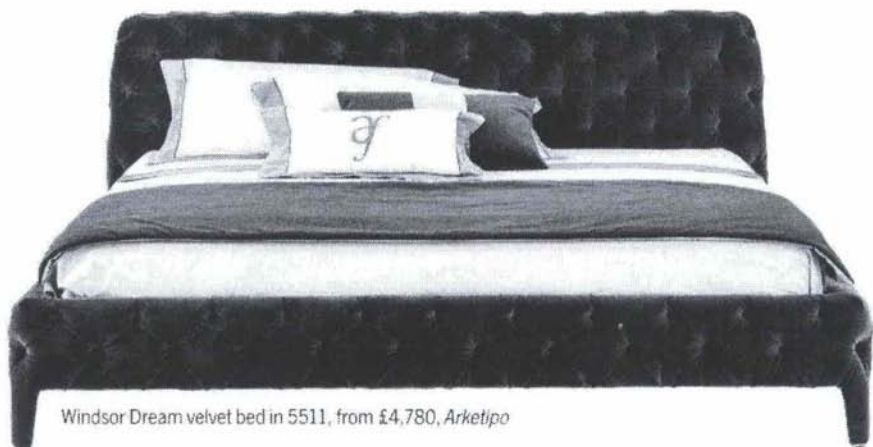
# ITALIAN *renaissance*

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Welded painted steel and Carrara marble table, £4,320, *Alain Gilles for Bonaldo*

*Beautifully* crafted, covetable, super-luxurious and, more often than not, flamboyant – Italian design boasts an enviable reputation across the globe. And that was put in place even before the 21st century. Look at the Colosseum. Consider an aqueduct. Or the aesthetes of the Renaissance – the Italians' rich cultural heritage is evidence that refined architecture and design runs deep in their DNA. No surprise to learn then, that the world's most famous international furniture fair happens in Milan every April.



Windsor Dream velvet bed in 5511, from £4,780, *Arketipo*



Marrakesh Canaletta walnut and marble table, £1,683, *Porada*