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INDUSTRY REPORT

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ABALON FOCUSES ON REUSABLE CANDLEHOLDERS

London-based artist Ana Bridgewater, under the alias Abalon, creates luxury candleholders, candles and lampshades. The candleholders are handmade from porcelain, sourced from Stoke-on-Trent, as well as noble minerals and pigments. The porcelain of the candleholders, which are re-usable,



becomes translucent while the candle burns. The lampshades are made from new and recycled materials, incorporating porcelain, platinum, gold or copper. Abalon, having worked and exhibited in the US, Spain and the UK, aims to use natural, raw and eco-friendly materials sourced from the UK in her pieces. The aim of her work is to recover a lost sense of nature in the urban world.

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FLOWERBX CLOSSES INITIAL SEED-FUNDING ROUND

Flowerbx has announced the closure of its initial \$1.25 million seed-funding round. The wholesale, flower-delivery website, which delivers direct from the auctions in Holland, has allocated investment funds to improving their website and distribution networks among other things. Strategic investors



include, luxury and fashion entrepreneur, Carmen Busquets; former CEO of Net-a-Porter Group, Mark Sebba; and the Managing Partner of Finn Capital Partners, Pat Finn. Co-founded by Adam Wilkie and Whitney Bromberg Hawkins in 2015, Flowerbx recently won a Wallpaper Design Award for Best Delivery Service.

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HOTEL EDEN TO REOPEN FOLLOWING RESTORATION

Dorchester Collection has announced that Hotel Eden will reopen in April 2017 following extensive restoration work. Located in Rome, Hotel Eden offers 98 guest rooms and suites, a dining area with views across Rome, and a new urban spa. Interior designers, Bruno Moinard, Claire Betaille, Patrick Jouin



and Sanjit Manku, managed the restoration, which has combined contemporary features with the building's classic style. Luca Virgilio, General Manager, said, "Our vision is to create a property that will continue to enchant both local residents and international travellers alike and we cannot wait to welcome guests this spring." Reservations are now being taken.

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LINLEY COLLABORATES WITH WINSOR & NEWTON

The Winsor & Newton Watercolour Compendium and other art sets are a collaboration with Linley. The limited edition Watercolour Compendium, costing £12,500, is handcrafted from a bleached sycamore veneer. It has a walnut interior, marquetry colour wheel



and a plaque, which can be engraved. The lid features a screen-printed design and each underside features a different coloured veneer. This partnership has also produced a series of smaller art sets, including a Drawing Ink set, a Sketching set, and a Watercolour and Pigment set.

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RICHARD BRENDON COLLABORATES WITH GRENSON

The product designer Richard Brendon has collaborated with British shoemaker Grenson to create handcrafted leather coasters. The coasters, inspired by the materials and techniques used in the shoemaking process, are made of three layers of leather – two layers of navy leather and one layer of tanned



leather, the latter of which is usually used for shoe linings. The coasters are decorated with punched holes forming one of Grenson's popular brogue patterns. The coasters are sold as a set of four.