MORE ON OUR TREND RADAR

5. Light Woods Revisited

For years, we have been living in the era of dark wood: oak, beech and ash treated with dark oils or patinas. What stood out at this year's Salone and 3 Days of Design, however, was the return of light wood furniture. During the Scandinavian revival some 20 years ago, pale timber was everywhere. Today, it seems to be quietly making its way back into the spotlight. Standout names included B&B Italia, with designs by Vincent Van Duysen, as well as the Scandinavian heavyweights HAY and Muuto.

Légère Sofa by Paola Lenti.

B01 Light Oak Bench by Kvik.

Canvas 21 Chair by Fredericia.

6. Wall-Mounted Consoles

We first spotted it last year: the return of the design wall-mounted console. Forget the classic, often bulky sideboards. These new consoles are pure design statements, bringing a sculptural presence to the interior. Functional or not, they stand confidently on their own, without the need for anything placed above or beneath them. A growing number of brands are embracing this new breed of wall-mounted console, playing with volume, form and proportion to create sculptural pieces perfectly suited to contemporary interiors.

Lepid Console by Kartell.

Diagramma Wood Console by Minotti.

7. Stone & Volcanic Eruption

More and more brands are adding an extra layer of character to their designs by embracing richer patinas and expressive surface treatments. A trend we already highlighted in a previous issue of Interior PULP, the return of gloss was also clearly visible in this year's new furniture launches. There are several ways to achieve the effect: glazed porcelain stoneware; natural or lava stone treated with artisanal finishes that bring out a lustrous surface; white stoneware with a transparent glossy glaze; and lava stone incorporating glass particles that create a subtle, shimmering effect. The result is furniture and objects that move beyond their functional purpose to become almost sculptural pieces. Seen at brands including Paola Lenti and Royal Botania.

Ardys Table and Sofa Console by Patricia Urquiola for Cassina.

Anemone & Bouquet Side Tables by Paola Lenti.

Regaliz Table by Royal Botania.