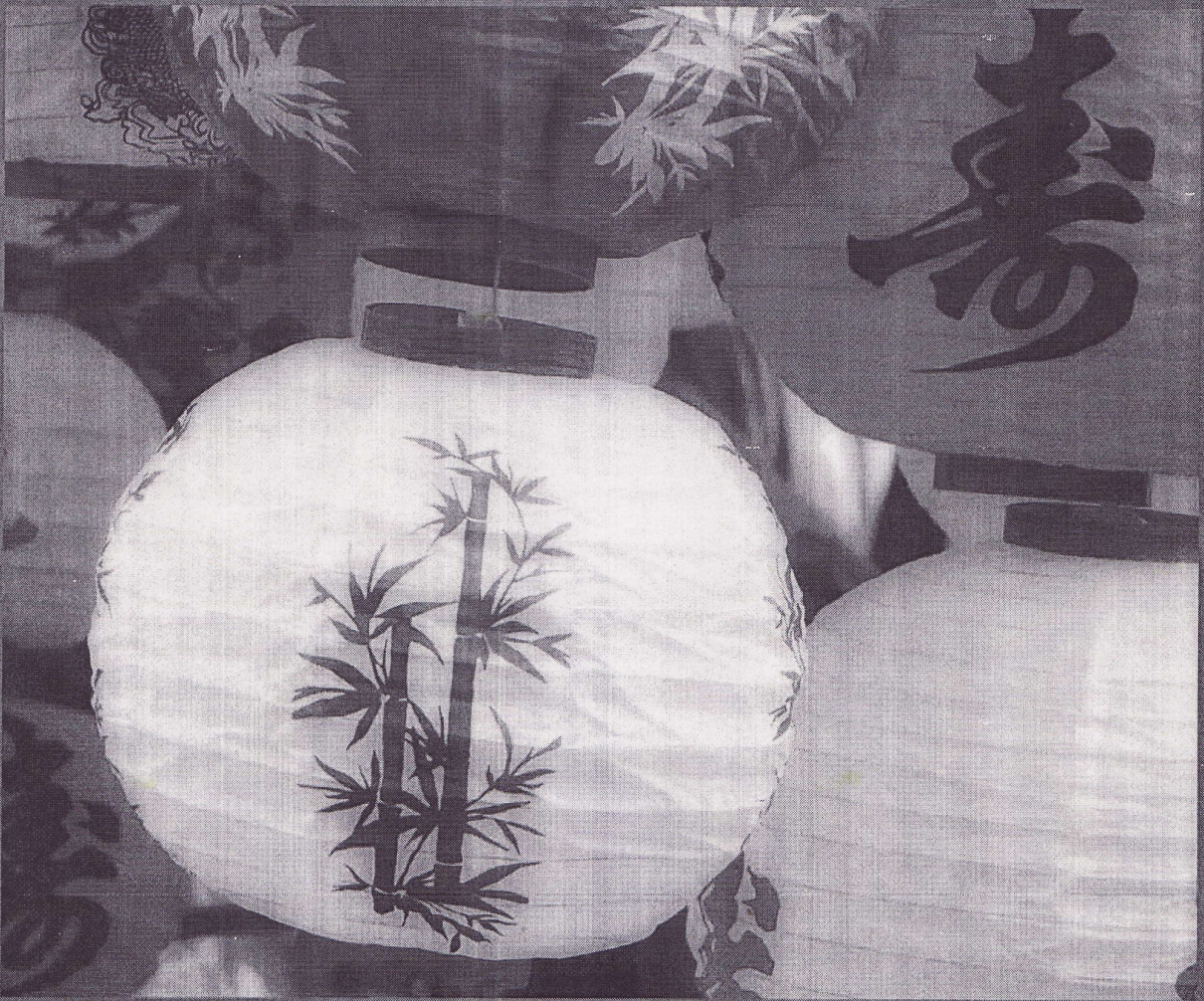


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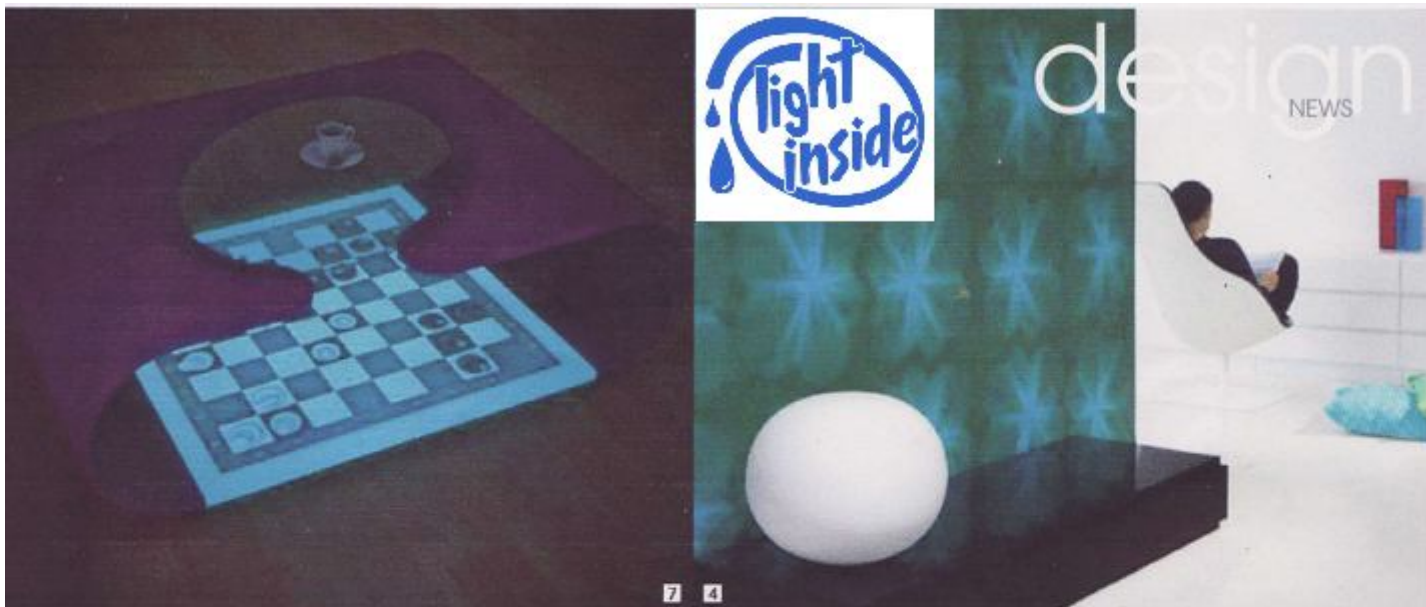
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### 5 it's shoe time!

Shoe designer Manolo Blahnik's latest stand-alone store recently opened in Dubai. Designed by the architectural firm Data Nature Associates, which was founded by Kristina Hulsebus Blahnik (niece to the Czech-Spanish shoe designer), its interior reveals influences from the Bedouin lifestyle, Islamic detailing, coral reef forms and the topography of the Rub Al Khali Desert. Traditional metalwork lamps designed by Tunisia-born British designer Tom Dixon (see *Clientele*, issue 21) completes this slice of shoe heaven. Visit [www.datanature.com](http://www.datanature.com)

### 6 winging it

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a table. Dutch designers Ahrend have launched an innovative piece of furniture for the office.

The Ahrend Jetstream desk created by Marijn van der Poll was inspired by the De Havilland Comet, history's first commercial jetliner, which carried

passengers around the world during the 1950s.

Moving away from traditional office desk design and more towards an increasingly flexible work, benching and lounge-type worksites, the Jetstream is a refreshing twist on the traditional. With its quirky wing-inspired single, large, flat design of the desk's surface, coupled with clean lines, the revolutionary design adds to the work experience without losing any functionality or style. The Ahrend Jetstream is slated to hit the GCC this month. Visit [www.ahrend.com](http://www.ahrend.com)

### 7 cool crescendo

Ennezero is gearing up for the Salone del Mobile in Milan, Italy, next month. Set up in 2006 to launch a collection called 'Valentina, la donna è mobile' (woman is fickle) after Verdi's *Rigoletto*, founder Giuseppe Canevese has gone from strength to strength. Faithful to the philosophy of creating furniture as a vehicle for conveying emotions, Ennezero may

take inspiration from age-old arias but its mindset is firmly rooted in state-of-the-art design, employing techniques such as digital printing and photoluminescent varnish... all eco-friendly of course. Visit [www.ennezero.it](http://www.ennezero.it)

### 8 planting ideas

Restaurant designers are becoming more and more inventive, particularly in frugal times such as this. Forget the top-of-the-range designer accessories! Dispense with the limited edition furnishings! Delve into the very kitchen that is the source of all culinary delights for the ultimate design inspiration. LTL Architects did exactly that for a small New York seafood restaurant. The ceiling at Tides is formed from over 110,000 bamboo skewers embedded into a back-lit acoustical ceiling. Creating a topographical effect, evoking an image of sea grass, the signature creation may not make the pandas happy but sure puts a smile on diners' faces. Visit [www.tideseafood.com](http://www.tideseafood.com)