



Smart Cities

Cities in Transformation: Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize is a new publication that talks about the winners of the 2010 and 2012 editions of the award. The 128-page book includes a foreword by Singapore's first Prime Minister, after whom the prize is named, and offers in-depth insight into the transformative stories of 11 cities, with practical solutions and ideas that might be adopted by other cities around the world. Prize laureates New York (2012) and Bilbao (2010) have shown that bold leadership and creative solutions can indeed turn cities around. Special Mention megacities like Delhi and Ahmedabad offer real hope in tackling issues such as housing, transport and pollution, while Copenhagen and Malmo provide valuable lessons in close collaboration. Stunning full-colour photography – of everything from cityscapes to architectural wonders to innovative urban design strategies – additionally gives readers a rare (and literal) glimpse into the cities that are leading the way in inspired urban planning. For more information, visit www.edmbooks.com



Cosy Retreat

This is outdoor comfort taken to a whole new level. Dedon, renowned for its luxe outdoor furniture, has just introduced the City Camp collection, designed for "modern nomads". Created by Austrian-born Annette Hinterwirth, the all-in-one outdoor "living unit", complete with roof and curtains, takes its concept from the base camps of ancient explorers. "Wherever you are," says Hinterwirth, "by the sea, in the desert or on a metropolitan rooftop, City Camp is your shelter, a place to eat, drink, sleep, relax or just be with family and friends. It can even be used as an outdoor guest bedroom." The collection comes in two different guises: a four-poster double daybed and a sprawling four-poster garden swing. The swing version boasts a sturdy hanging system, while the daybed features a table element for alfresco dining and comes with a tatami-style mattress or, alternatively, a plush, foldable mattress. Dedon also offers cushions and mattresses in a variety of colours and fabrics for easy integration into any home design and lifestyle. www.dedon.hk



Like None Elsewhere

Tucked away in a corner of Hong Kong's Soho district is a new design store with a host of collectibles waiting to be discovered. L's Where is the brainchild of Lime Design founder Alfred Lam, who specialises in high-end residential projects across the region. Lam has been collecting antique furniture and exclusive art pieces for many years through the course of his frequent travels. One of the reasons he opened the store, he says, was to share his treasure trove of finds with people who enjoy art, rather than having to keep everything locked up in a warehouse. Special pieces in Lam's booty include half-a-century-old French vases, an Italian 1940s Gio Ponti chair, a full-height mother-of-pearl-lined mirror from the Philippines, an Argentine silverware set and other fine decorative items from European auction houses and galleries. www.lswhere.com



Heavy Metal

Award-winning interior designer Kamini Ezralow recently introduced her first-ever collection of furniture in conjunction with Italian firm Orsi. The series derives its name, Bronze, from the fact that each of the initial eight designs – she intends to add more pieces later – features some sort of bronze detailing. The items include a woven-cashmere headboard, a painted folding screen, parchment-covered dining chairs and a set of pedestals with mirror tops. Bronze's aesthetics mimic the elegance of Art Deco, with its clean lines, fine Italian materials and luxurious finishes yielding a polished yet understated feel – a reflection of the interiors Ezralow creates for her discerning clients. The second part of Bronze will be out at the Salone Internazionale del Mobile next year. www.ezralowdesign.com