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**ERA-DEFINING PRODUCTS**

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**Ten of the  
world's most  
in-demand  
architects  
and designers  
share their five  
era-defining  
products.**

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# Vincent Van Duysen

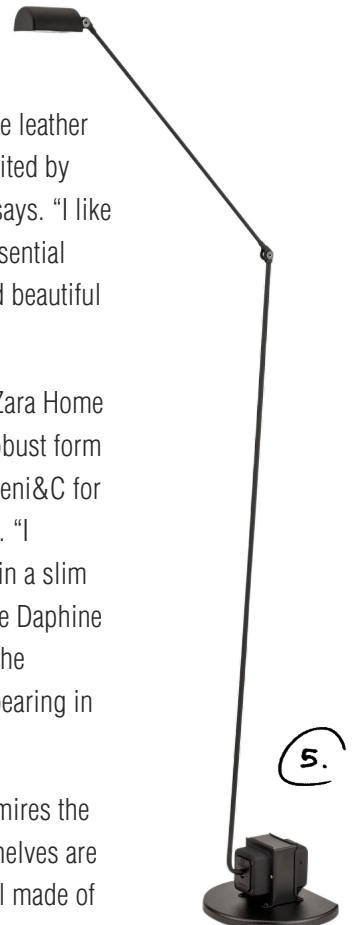
**Belgian architect Vincent Van Duysen and his studio have distilled 'the art of living' for more than 30 years. The intuitive architect has accumulated a vast body of work, appointed as creative director of Italian brand Molteni&C in 2016.**



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PAUL SOFA  
BY VINCENT VAN D  
FOR MOLteni&C  
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Vincent resonates with the design of the leather and oak Jean-Michel Frank chair re-edited by Hermès. "I'm a big fan of Frank's," he says. "I like the fact that the object is reduced to essential design with an ergonomic backrest and beautiful Hermès leather seat cushion."

The architect lists his Atelier table for Zara Home as an era-defining piece for its pure, robust form and the Paul sofa he designed for Molteni&C for its interplay with large, loose cushions. "I revisited the classic, archetypical sofa in a slim and ergonomic way," Vincent adds. The Daphne floor lamp by Lumina is a hallmark of the designer's residential projects, "disappearing in space yet very performant," he says.

Designed by Pierre Chapo, Vincent admires the B17C library for "the honest way the shelves are placed on the vertical wall elements; all made of wood; pure yet sculptural."

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1. Paul sofa by Vincent Van Duysen for Molteni&C 2. Atelier dining table by Vincent Van Duysen for ZARA Home 3. B17C library by Pierre Chapo 4. Jean Michel Frank chair re-edited by Hermès 5. Daphne floor lamp by Lumina

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