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Favourite Milan moment? Dolce & Gabbana's Gold restaurant, dolcegabbanagold.com. They have taken what was a kitsch idea and made it sophisticated. Both the food and the interior are amazing. Marble, gold and chrome were juxtaposed with retro stacked stone walls. Everything was perfectly balanced: not too retro or minimalist.

Three key trends ...

Metallics were a standout. Gold was very important, but also copper, bronze and even smoke charcoal, used in everything from tapware, lighting and furniture. Gold is definitely the new brushed stainless steel. Traditional details, but detail generally was so important, especially in terms of pattern and use of material, breaking away from the monolithic look of the 90s. Diamond tufting, quilting, buttoning, horn, tortoiseshell were all refreshing to see.

A return to postmodernism, reinventing the past, which has been strong this decade but was shown in a very pared-down, elegant way.

GOLDEN AGE **1** Paola Lenti 'Kaleidoscope' rug This deconstructed, multidimensional, geometric pattern is another statement piece. **2** Barovier+Toso 'Manhattan' chandelier An eccentric piece which is so retro forward. **3** Verzelloni 'Noe' sofa Its simple casual form is so relaxed – ideal for a rumpus room. **4** B&B Italia 'Canasta' outdoor lounge chair by Patricia Urquiola This contemporary take on the cane 'peacock' chair is transformed in high-tech woven material. **5** B&B Italia 'Edward' sofa Another take on the traditional chesterfield but with a polished, minimalist approach. **6** Arca 'Mod 1384' and 'Mod 1383' coffee tables Black glass with central horn detail and brass base – so sexy and glam. **7** Minotti 'Harvey' cabinet What could have been basic and clunky is ultrathin, with its smart timber-leg detail. **8** Arper 'Sean' lounge chair Elegant alternative for a commercial lounge chair which could easily translate into a residential piece. **9** Arca 'Mod 1408' cabinet A great classic but with the amazing twist of the horn detail it becomes a sensual piece. **10** Minotti 'Divo' side table A sculptural, light and elegant variation of the Still with an incredible smoky chrome finish.

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