



◀ 2ELEVEN FOOSBALL TABLE

www.twoeleven.de

Price on application

Now the beautiful game really can be beautiful. Its smooth, flowing, organic lines and quality materials mean the 2eleven foosball table would make a striking centrepiece in any games room. In fact, almost any room would enjoy the addition of this very cool table. Far from being a 'babyfoot', this table is seriously grown-up, with built-in cup holders and monitors at either end for keeping score, and it even has its own electronic referee in the form of an automatic ball return feature that will end arguments over unfair kick-offs.

REUGE WINCH MUSIC BOX ▶

www.reuge.com

€4,300

Swiss specialist in "The Art of Mechanical Music" Reuge has been making music boxes for over 150 years. Although the principle of a 'comb' and cylinder being employed to create music has remained unchanged for generations, Reuge's designs have moved with the times. The Winch, which is modelled on the theme of a luxury yacht, is made from mahogany and carbon fibre, and plays four songs: 'Spring' from *The Four Seasons*, *Hungarian Rhapsody*, *La Traviata's* 'Prelude' and 'Toreador' from *Carmen*. For something even more unusual, Reuge also produces singing birds and musical pocket watches



SONIM XP3 PHONE ▶

www.sonimxp3.com

€450

There's a distinctly sickening sound made by a mobile phone as it slips from your grasp and crashes to the pavement. And an equally distinctive sound made by its owner. But you'll hear neither of these noises with the Sonim XP3, for it is the world's toughest mobile phone. It can survive being dropped from six feet onto solid concrete, or submersed a metre deep in water. It can cope with temperatures from -20° to +60°C and has an impressive two-month standby time.

MOON DUST-DNA WATCH/TITANIC-DNA WATCH ▶

www.romainjerome.ch

From €11,700

Now for a timepiece that really has captured a moment in time... and kept it for posterity. Romain Jerome's Moon Dust-DNA is made from exactly what it says. The dial is designed to look like the lunar surface and actually includes dust from an Apollo mission. Part of the casing comes from Apollo XI and Soyuz spacecraft, and the strap is made using fibres from a spacesuit from a mission to the International Space Station. If you prefer more earthly materials, Jerome also has a collection made with salvage from the Titanic.



TAG HEUER GRAND CARRERA CALIBRE 36 RS CALIPER CONCEPT ▶

www.tagheuer.com

Price on application

The Carrera line has victory in its blood. Able to trace its motorsport heritage back to the 1962 12 Hours of Sebring race, this latest incarnation was the winner of the Grand Prix d'Horlogerie de Genève 2008. The design has clear links to the original Carrera, albeit with a twist of the modern GT car about it. But this watch's unique feature is its amazing timekeeping. Powered by a column wheel movement, it is the only automatic chronograph in the world capable of measuring and displaying 1/10th of a second.

LEICA SAFARI M8.2 'SAFARI' CAMERA ▶

us.leica-camera.com

€7,800

If you plan to bag the Big Five next time you're in Africa, then this special edition Leica should be your weapon of choice. Limited to a production run of just 500, the Leica 'Safari' M8.2 comes in a unique olive paint finish with silver anodised parts and has its own special matching Billingham bag. The M8.2 is a classic Leica rangefinder camera, so it will fit every M lens built since 1954, but comes with 21st Century features, including a 10.3million pixel sensor and a 2.4in LCD monitor.



Photography: Courtesy of manufacturers


VARIER GRAVITY BALANS RECLINER

www.varierfurniture.com
€935

If it's the ultimate in relaxation you're after then the Variér Gravity Balans chair could be just the thing. This gorgeous piece of furniture by Scandinavian designer Peter Opsvik reclines in two stages, the second offering a near horizontal and almost weightless experience. Available in a wide variety of woods and fabrics, it's the 25th anniversary of this unique design and, by way of celebration, a special edition run of 250 Balans chairs is being made available.


DEBORAH DESK REESTORE ECO DESIGN

www.reestore.com
€3,900

We all like to do our bit for the environment and here's a way to benefit your work environment into the bargain. The Deborah Desk from bespoke recycled furniture specialist Reestore Eco Design is made from part of an old aircraft wing, which would otherwise have become landfill somewhere. Topped with toughened glass and given additional stainless steel supports, this desk is a work of art. And as it's made from recycled material, you can buy it with a clean conscience as well.

THE DALMORE 50YO WHISKY

www.thedalmore.com
€5,500

The Dalmore Distillery has the oldest maturing stocks of any Highland single malt and has released a collectable 50-year-old single malt in its honour. Housed in hand-blown Portuguese crystal decanters, only a limited 242 have been produced. Dalmore describes it thus: "Honey gold in colour with a complex balance of soft fleshy fruits. Old English marmalade, ripe bananas, treacle toffee and fruitcake on the nose. Warming sherry, oak and a citrus orange is complemented by a finish of crushed almond, warm spice and cinnamon."



Photography: Courtesy of manufacturers


BLADERIDER VRX

www.bladerider.com.au
€13,250

Is it a boat? Is it a plane? Actually, it's a bit of both. Taking its power only from a single sail, the amazing Bladerider quite literally flies along at speeds of up to 30 knots. This lightweight, high-performance boat lifts completely clear of the water on a pair of hydrofoils and zooms along at velocities normally associated with powerboats. The all carbon construction means the hull weighs less than 10kg and the fully rigged boat just 30kg, so it can easily be towed or carried on a roof rack.


FUNKY-MOVE CUSTOM SEGWAY

www.funky-move.de
€10,000

The ingenious gyroscope-stabilised, two-wheel Segway Human Transporter was supposed to revolutionise travel. It would get people out of cars and pavements would be buzzing with the devices. At least, that was the idea of its inventor Dean Kamen. However, the reality is that most have been bought as playthings and, frankly, if you're going to have a plaything, then you may as well have a funky one. German Segway specialist Funky-Move has just the thing: a 'Titan Diamond' version, complete with 1,001 Swarovski crystals.


ZONTIK MONOPOLY

www.zontikgames.com
€3,300-€5,900

For those who take their playtime seriously, Zontik makes a range of luxurious boardgames, strictly for discerning adults. Roll the two ball-cornered precision dice and if you're lucky you may be able to move your pewter playing piece around the leather board directly to Mayfair, paying with cash from the leather-bound bank box. Monopoly comes in both US and UK editions, and other classics, including Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit and Cluedo, are also available. Just don't let the children get their grubby fingers on them.


CONFEDERATE B120 WRAITH

www.confederate.com
€78,000

Confederate describes its unique motorcycles as "The Art of Rebellion", and it has a point, for these machines are beautiful works and many never turn a wheel as owners get joy simply from viewing them. However, there's substance as well as the arresting retro-yet-also-futuristic style. The B120 Wraith set a new world record for an unfaired motorcycle, achieving 166mph at the Bonneville Salt Flats. Made from carbon fibre and aircraft grade aluminium, just 250 of the V-Twin powered bikes are to be made, so hurry if you want one.

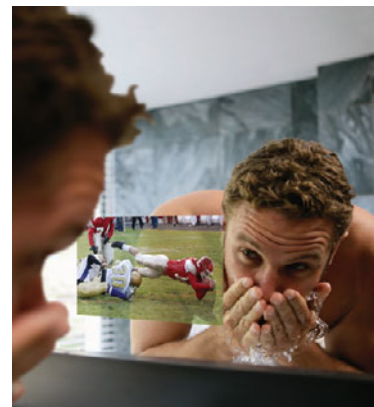
A little indulgence

Looking for a gift idea for someone who has everything? Or just a little treat for yourself? Nik Berg picks out a selection of the latest must-haves for those with extravagant tastes



All prices approximate

Photography: Courtesy of manufacturers



◀ MB QUART TV MIRROR

www.mbqent.com
Price on application

Huge high-definition televisions are spectacular when they're switched on, playing the latest Blu-ray blockbuster or documentary. But when they're switched off, just taking up wall space, even the best-looking models hardly enhance a room's aesthetic. But thanks to MB Quart's technology you can disguise the screen behind a mirror, which disappears to reveal the screen at the touch of a button. Up to 165cm screens can be accommodated and there are even special waterproof versions for installation in the bathroom.



◀ MYFOUNTAIN VIRTUAL BARTENDER

www.digitalbeverages.com
€5,800

The perfect Martini: is it one part gin to two parts vermouth or the other way round? Well, worry no more, the virtual bartender will mix it for you. This Wi-Fi enabled, PC powered drinks dispenser has a terabyte of memory to store all your favourite recipes. The cabinet houses up to 32 ingredients – beers, wines, mixers – and you simply choose your libation from the LCD touchscreen and place a glass under the nozzle. The system even keeps track of its own inventory and can automatically replenish supplies by ordering over the Internet.



PHILIPPE STARCK ZIKMU SPEAKERS ▶

www.parrot.com
€1,170

He's designed everything from hotel interiors to coffee makers and now Philippe Starck has turned his hand to home audio. The Parrot 'Zikmu' wireless speakers come in a pair of 75cm curvaceous towers and offer 360 degree sound. Music can be played from any Wi-Fi or Bluetooth equipped device and there's an iPod dock on the top to charge your portable player and play your favourite tunes at the same time. Probably not the thing for a serious audio fan to team up with the AAS-Gabriel, but a treat for audio aesthetes.



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