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“Alessi Circus” design Marcel Wanders, 2016

“The circus is larger than life. The pageantry and astonishment from what you see, hear and feel never leaves you. That one-of-a-kind magical feeling is now celebrated through this innovative collection.”

Marcel Wanders

The magic of the Circus with its exciting, somewhat enigmatic characters, the glittering lights and vivid colours: is a marvellous world captured by Marcel Wanders in a surprising collection of tableware and homeware items.

Stylish objects with evocative shapes and decorations: multicoloured circles, stripes, diamonds and segments, evoking the fabrics of circus costumes, the big top and circus bunting. Wanders plays with circus imagery, translating its timeless beauty into a colourful, joyous collection.

The “Alessi Circus” collection features a colourful range of tableware items: Placemat, Bowls, Round Trays, Ice Bucket, Bottle stands, Wine cooler, Salad bowls, Mugs, Small bowls, Containers.

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Produced in stainless steel, the Round tray combines linear design with vibrant decoration. In a fresh take on the traditional multicoloured diamond pattern synonymous of circus costumes, Marcel Wanders creates a colourful and versatile object, suited to a range of different uses and settings: from a stylish valet tray, to a colourful item of serveware or an original decorative statement to display in the home.

Round tray in decorated 18/10 stainless steel.
Ø cm 48

For the decoration of this Round tray, Marcel Wanders chooses two classic circus colours, red and white, alternating them in a series of juxtaposed triangles. The raised rim makes the tray particularly practical when serving at the table.

Round tray in 18/10 stainless steel with decorated edge.
Ø cm 39 – h cm 5

Thanks to its functional design and stylish monochrome decoration, this stainless steel Placemat can be paired with a range of different tableware to create an original and refined table setting.

Placemat in 18/10 stainless steel with decoration.
Ø cm 33

Both functional and decorative, the “Alessi Circus” collection Bowls are available in two different sizes and patterns. Featuring colourful segments and scalloped borders, the decoration of the bowls is chosen by Wanders to express the magic of the circus once again through familiar shapes and colours. Bold yet versatile, the bowls are suited to a range of different uses and settings: from a stylish valet tray, to a colourful item of serveware or an original decorative statement to display in the home.

Bowl in 18/10 stainless steel with decoration.
Ø cm 25 – h cm 8

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Bowl in 18/10 stainless steel with decoration.
Ø cm 32 – h cm 10

Crafted from lightweight materials, this Thermo insulated bottle holder is particularly easy to handle. The double wall and insulated plastic interior ensure that drinks are kept cool. To decorate the object, Marcel Wanders reimagines the unmistakable red and white segments that immediately take us back under the big top and to the arena where the circus’ magnificent show unfolds. Ideal for serving wine, water and other cool drinks. Its lightweight design ensures that it is particularly suitable for special occasions like dinner parties and aperitifs.

Thermo insulated bottle stand in tinplate with decoration.
cl 120 - Ø cm 15,8 - h cm 24,2

The Ice bucket is an essential accessory for anyone who wants to make a statement when serving aperitifs or drinks. The bucket, designed by Marcel Wanders for the “Alessi Circus” collection, combines linear shapes with a vibrant colour scheme to create a colourful diamond decoration that enhances the minimalist shape. Functional and versatile, it can be paired with other objects from the collection for a colourful and original set for aperitifs.

Ice bucket in 18/10 stainless steel with decoration.
cl 150 - Ø cm 13,2 - h cm 15

This Bottle holder is made in stainless steel with a double internal wall. This creates a hollow within the holder which keeps drinks cool and ensures that it is extremely lightweight despite being a large and sturdy item. Marcel Wanders decorates the bottle holder with a cheerful pattern of red circles on a yellow background, reminiscent of the colourful polka dots often found in circus costumes and sets.
Ideal for serving wine, water and other cool drinks you wish to keep cool, the bottle holder is lightweight and easy to handle.

Double wall vacuum bottle stand in 18/10 stainless steel with decoration.
cl 130 – Ø cm 12,5 - h cm 18

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For this stylish wine cooler, made from stainless steel, Marcel Wanders chooses shapes and colours reminiscent of the circus. The truncated cone-shaped body, which is finished with two golden knobs, is decorated with the classic red and white segments that are so popular in circus imagery. Smooth and tactile, the two gold electroplated knobs not only function as practical handles, but add a luxurious finish to this special item. Create a statement by displaying it next to your table to complement a vibrant and stylish setting. It can hold up to two Bordeaux, Burgundy and champagne type bottles.

Wine cooler in 18/10 stainless steel with decoration.
cl 570 – cm 24x21 - h cm 23

For this salad serving bowl, Marcel Wanders chooses a vibrant decoration with a multicoloured diamond pattern. The same adorns other items in the collection, including “The Jester”, a character from the limited edition Officina Alessi range which is consisted of five items inspired by popular circus personalities.

Salad serving bowl in decorated bone china.
cl 250 - Ø cm23 - h cm 11

For the Bowls, Marcel Wanders chooses two different decorations that bring the colour and cheer of the circus to the table. The first design is a black and white striped pattern, trimmed with a yellow scalloped border, and the second is a red polka dot pattern on a yellow background. With a smaller diameter, the bowls are suitable both for individual place settings and for serving hors d'oeuvres or aperitifs. The bowls can be either coordinated with other pieces from the “Alessi Circus” collection, used with more minimalist tableware or mix and matched to suit your table scheme or personal taste. Allowing for creativity and personal expression, the bowls are a versatile choice that can be used to create a number of different styles

Bowl in decorated bone china.
cl 80 - Ø cm16 - h cm 7

Featuring four different decorations, these bone china Dessert bowls are available in two different sets. Once again, Marcel
Wanders plays with shapes and colours using vibrant segments, stripes and scallop detailing to decorate the four versatile dessert bowls.
Ideal for serving desserts and ice cream, the bowls are also suitable for presenting hors d'oeuvres and aperitifs.
With the option to coordinate the bowls with the other elements of the “Alessi Circus” series, or mix and match with existing tableware they make for a colourful, original table setting that can express the host’s creativity and personal taste.

Set of two small bowls in decorated bone china.
cl 23 - Ø cm 11 - h cm 4,5

Bold and colourful, these bone china Mugs are available with four different decorations. Marcel Wanders contrasts the minimal shape of the mug with playful prints. The simple, white, ring-shaped handle juxtaposes the colourful body of the mug, highlighting the striking pattern.
Perfect for those who enjoy relaxing with a hot drink, these mugs add a hint of colour into this treasured everyday ritual
To create an original tea or coffee set, the mugs can be coordinated with other elements of the “Alessi Circus” collection, for example, the decorated stainless steel trays and bone china bowls and small bowls.

Mug in bone china decorata.
cl 35 - Ø cm 8 - h cm 9,5

Made from glass and available in four different sizes, the “Alessi Circus” Jars are perfect for storing food and confectionary. The lid’s hermetic seal locks in all their freshness, aroma and flavour, prolonging the life of your food. The jar’s decoration was designed to be reminiscent of the merry-go-rounds that are often set up along with the circus big top. The lid is decorated with the traditional red and white stripes of fairground ride awnings, while the gold-coloured knob is intended to represent the resplendent golden sphere that often adorns the top of the ride. The result is enchanting: Wanders transforms classic kitchen jars into cheerful mini fairground rides.
Ideal for storing dried food like rice, pasta and biscuits, or sugar, salt and coffee.
The glass body leaves the contents clearly visible, making it easy to find the right ingredient.
Colourful and sporting a nostalgic shape, they can be purchased individually to add a touch of cheer to kitchen shelves or as a complete set.

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Jar in silk-screen glass with hermetic lid in tinplate.
cl 50 - Ø cm 10,5 - h cm 13
cl 75 - Ø cm 10,5 - h cm 16
cl 100 - Ø cm 10,5 - h cm 19
cl 150 - Ø cm 10,5 - h cm 24,5

Ever longed for a special container to store treasured keepsakes in, looked for a unique way to present a gift to a loved one or perhaps simply needed somewhere to store small desk accessories? Marcel Wanders offers us an original solution, designing a series of storage containers. Round in shape and made of tinplate, they come in five different sizes.
The designer creates a poetic link between the boxes and five circus characters who provided the inspiration for a series of high-quality objects included in the Officina Alessi collection: “The Strongman”, “The Candyman”, “The Jester”, “The Ringleader” and “The Ballerina”. The faces of four characters also appear in stylized form on the lids of the containers, while the colours and patterns of their costumes decorate the surfaces. The lid of the smallest container features a gold coloured knob, which mirrors the symbol of the fifth character: “The Ballerina” imagined by Wanders as a light-footed elephant performing a pirouette on a shiny ball.
Sold in two sets: the first includes the three smallest containers, the second contains the largest two. When they are not being used, they can be stored one inside the other to save space.

Set of two all-purpose boxes in tinplate with decoration.

Set of three all-purpose boxes in tinplate with decoration.

In the U.K. the Alessi Circus Collection will be available exclusively at Harrods during September 2016.