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**Roche Bobois and Marcel Wanders Launch Globe Trotter Collection at Salone del Mobile 2018**

**Nicolas Roche:** "Marcel Wanders and Gabriele Chiave have allowed us to cultivate the spirit of imagination and fantasy that lies at the heart of Roche Bobois' DNA."

**Gilles Bonan:** "Throughout its history, Roche Bobois has always surrounded itself with great creative talents to design furniture which has soul, something extra beyond its function. By uniting the expertise of an international editor with the creativity of one of the most recognized designers of the moment, the Marcel Wanders collection for Roche Bobois embodies the poetic, audacious, and dreamlike fantasy, and is entirely in line with this approach".

**Marcel Wanders:** "This collection is a tribute to the adventurer we all dreamed of being. A journey is a transformative experience, and we wanted each piece to capture the feeling of bringing home worldly treasures from faraway places."

**Gabriele Chiave:** "This is a very eclectic collection, strongly anchored in the theme of travel. We incorporated a wealth of materials, stories and patterns in order to symbolize the diversity of all the regions and cultures."

**GLOBE TROTTER**

Marcel Wanders designed for Roche Bobois the Globe Trotter collection, inspired by the legends of inventors and fabled adventurers. Choosing the Montgolfier brothers, creators of the hot air balloon as the emblem of the collection, he wanted to celebrate these explorers and collectors of rare objects, impassioned by nature and the cosmopolitan cultures discovered on the course of their journeys.

The mythical places and objects found on these fantastical voyages through space and time are the framework for this eclectic collection. The spirit of these journeys resonates in each piece of the collection, from the Montgolfière and Cerf-Volant sofas to the Up and Mariposa light collections. The Dojo bookcase transports us to Japan; the La Parisienne tables pay homage to the celebrations of the City of Light, with the legs dressed in exclusive fabrics; the Opérette chair is worldly-wise, with its three patterns representing three stopovers; whereas the graphic silhouettes of the Chess occasional tables allude to a giant game of chess.

The heart of the collection however, is revealed by Arras textile motif, a magnificent voyage to a wonderland, embellished with the novel characters of our childhood. This assorted and multi-coloured pattern adorns most of the models, from tufted rugs to cushions, and the inside of the mysterious Wonder Cabinet.

In the end, it is an "expedition collection", romantic and eclectic, gentle on the body and inspiring for the mind.

**Montgolfière sofa**

design Marcel Wanders

Upholstered in fabrics from the Globe Trotter collection, designed by Marcel Wanders for Roche Bobois, sofa in plain red fabric and cushions in « La Parisienne » pattern fabric. Seat cushion in multi-density foam and fibres, toss cushions in feather and fibres. Wood and metal structure. Legs in matte steel. 4 seat sofa L. 285 x H. 75 x D. 115 cm

### **Cerf-Volant modular sofa**

design Marcel Wanders

Upholstered in fabrics from the Globe Trotter collection, designed by Marcel Wanders for Roche Bobois, sofa in plain anthracite grey fabric and cushions in « England » pattern fabric. Seat and back cushions in multi-density foam and fibres, toss cushions in feather and fibres. Wood legs and structure. Various modular elements available.

### **La Parisienne**

design Marcel Wanders

Dining table with honeycomb top and steel frame with Fenix® veneer (black or white) or oak veneer (multiple stains available); lower frame in MDF and polyurethane with glossy lacquer finish (10 colours available). Legs in solid beech wood dressed in Marcel Wanders fabrics for Roche Bobois, feet in steel with black chrome or nickel bronze finish.

L. 299 x D.115 x H. 75 cm

Five different dimensions and other pieces available.

Cocktail tables in polyurethane, top with matte lacquer finish and lower frame with glossy lacquer finish (10 colours available). Legs in solid beech wood dressed in Marcel Wanders fabrics for Roche Bobois, feet in steel with black chrome or nickel bronze finish.

Round cocktail tables: diam. 90 x H. 36 or diam. 65 x H. 44 cm

Square cocktail tables: L. 75 x L. 75 x H. 36 cm or L. 54 x L. 54 x H. 55 cm

Rectangular: L. 54 x D. 85 x H. 55 cm

### **Wonder Buffet**

2 door sideboard made of particle board. Lacquered exterior with glossy finish, screen-printed interior featuring the exclusive Arras motif. Central display case with integrated lighting, polished stainless steel legs.

L. 230 or 200 x D. 50 x H. 76 cm

### **Wonder Cabinet**

4 door cabinet made of particle board. Lacquered exterior with glossy finish, screen-printed interior featuring the exclusive Arras motif. Central display case with integrated lighting, polished stainless steel legs.

L. 120 x D. 50 x H. 151 cm

### **Opérette**

Chair in solid oak and plywood with oak veneer. Padded seat and back upholstered in Marcel Wanders fabrics for Roche Bobois.

L. 45 x D. 50 x H. 78.5 cm

### **Dojo**

Single or double-sided bookcase. Structure in black lacquered MDF with 4 mobile panels in MDF, including 3 panels with oak veneer (15 stains available) or covered in Daquacryl (3 mm thick PMMA high gloss veneer on particle board, 34 colours available) and 1 round panel with a smoked bronze mirror.

L. 240 x D. 200 x H. 47.5 cm

## **Chess**

Cocktail table and side tables made in solid wood or in fibreglass and lacquered polyester resin. Many finishes available.

Cocktail table: Ø 90 x H. 36

Side tables : Ø 50 x H. 48 or Ø 44 x H. 60

## **UP lighting collection**

Collection of lamps with concrete base and lamp shade in white 3D fabric on metallic structure. 3 dimensions available:

Small table lamp: H. 60 cm x Ø 35 cm; Tall table lamp H. 100 cm x Ø 50 cm; Floor lamp: H. 180 cm x Ø 80 cm

## **Mariposa lighting collection**

Suspension and table lamp. Available in polished stainless steel, oxidized copper and in two-tone white striped cotton.

Glass diffuser with satin finish. Lighting: LED G9 4W.

Small: L. 60 x D. 48 x H. 40 cm

Large: L. 73 x D. 55 x H. 55 cm

## **Paris, London, Istanbul rugs**

Hand-tufted rugs in wool featuring a detail of the exclusive Arras motif.

250 x 350 cm

300 x 300 cm

## **Moucharabieh**

Hand-knotted rug in wool and jute.

250 x 350 cm

## **Parquet**

Hand-knotted rug in wool and lurex.

250 x 350 cm

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## **About Marcel Wanders:**

Marcel Wanders is a leading product and interior design studio located in the creative capital of Amsterdam, with over 1,900 + iconic product and interior design experiences all around the globe for private clients and premium brands such as [Alessi](#), [Baccarat](#), [Bisazza](#), [Christofle](#), [Kosé Corporation/ Decorté](#), [Flos](#), [KLM](#), [Hyatt Hotels Corporation](#), [LH&E Group](#), [Louis Vuitton](#), [Miramar Group](#), [Morgans Hotel Group](#), [Puma](#) among scores of others.

Under Marcel Wanders' creative leadership and creative direction, and with the support of Gabriele Chiave as creative director since 2014, Marcel Wanders employs 52 design and communication experts. In an environment where everyone perceives, breathes and lives creativity across a multitude of projects from in-flight tableware to cosmetics packaging to hospitality interiors.

Marcel Wanders' 27 years of design are celebrated in some of the most renowned art and design museums, including [Centre Pompidou](#) FR; [Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum](#), US; [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#), US; [Museum of Arts and Design](#), New York, US; [Museum of Modern Art](#), US; [Pinakothek der Moderne](#), Munich, DE; [Stedelijk Museum](#), Amsterdam, NL; [Oita Prefectural Art Museum](#), JP among others.

Regarded by many as an anomaly in the design world, Marcel Wanders has made it his mission to "create an environment of love, live with passion and make our most exciting dreams come true." This work excites, provokes, and polarises, but never fails to surprise for its ingenuity, daring and singular quest to uplift the human spirit, and entertain.

Marcel Wanders' chief concern is bringing the human touch back to design, ushering in what he calls design's 'new age,' in which designer, craftsman and user are reunited. In his process, Marcel Wanders defies design dogma, preferring instead to focus on holistic solutions rather than the technocratic. In this universe, the coldness of industrialism is replaced instead by the poetry, fantasy and romance of different ages, vividly brought to life in the contemporary moment. [www.marcelwanders.com](http://www.marcelwanders.com)

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