

Anellum

Muvis

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From Italy comes the world's first moving-head luminaire for the home. This designer boy's toy rotates in two axes and sends the beams from its three main-halogen GU10 lamps (yes, really) whizzing around the room. You can use the remote control to call up pre-programmed scenes which can include another 350W of lighting. A snip at around £600. www.lightprojects.co.uk

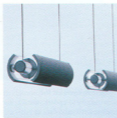


Bolster Suspension Modular

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You would think, would you not, that just about every variant of the globe pendant has been done. But here's our retro friend again, this time in a sexy matt black and chrome incarnation from those barmy Belgians at Modular. The pendants groovy conical chrome reflector reaches up to the recessed halogen lamp. There is one drawback though: it too uses a GU10 base – what's that about?

www.modular-lighting.co.uk



Halos Tre Ci Luce

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Looking like a procession of Star Wars craft on a mission to defend the Empire, the distinctive Halos luminaire hails from those effortlessly stylish people at Tre Ci Luce in Milan. No concessions to the environment here, the Halos is based on double-ended halogen lamps and consists of two independent reflectors made of anodised aluminium with details in die-cast aluminium, nylon and PBT.

www.treciluce.com



LED-Omnio 2 Spectral

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Everyone knows that LEDs need a bloody great heatsink if they're not to fade as rapidly as England's World Cup ambitions. Thing is, how do you go about hiding it? The answer: you don't. At least that's the view of Spectral, whose heatsink is out and proud. LED-Omnio 2's in your face design is actually a strip that can be configured in various patterns. Oh, and it's a great heater.

www.spectral-online.de

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We salute a design classic. 1954: A331 Beehive



Still in production with the company he co-founded in 1935, Alvar Aalto's classic pendant typifies the Scandinavian take on modernism: functional design but with a human dimension. As the Finnish architect noted: "Form is a mystery that defies description but brings people pleasure." Despite its clean lines, the Beehive emits a warming glow through the polished brass slots. www.artek.fi