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■ The age-old Venetian textile tradition fostered by Rubelli for five generations runs through the company's new showroom in the Chambers at Chelsea Harbour. Its blend of ancient textile tradition with cutting-edge technology, plus the use of high-quality materials, produces a rich and versatile collection. These fabrics are combined with the clean, contemporary lines of Do

showcases its traditional style and modern Design Centre Chels (020 7349 1590; rubelli.com)

■ In late spring, designer Jean Paul Gaultier's unparalleled class des Arts Decoratifs collection spans the present day, and he has chosen 17 of the industry's biggest names: Romeo, Bentley, Jaguar exhibition runs at the 107 Rue de Rivoli, 71 For opening times, ring 01 47 87 10 00 or visit lesartsdecoratifs.fr.

■ This spring Boffi is set to open a second showroom in central London. The new two-storey 280sq m showroom, its design overseen by Piero Lissoni, has ten large 3m-high windows that reveal the stunning space inside. Originally a bank, it retains many of its period features, such as two vaults with safety doors that will showcase Boffi's distinctive bathrooms. Boffi Wigmore, 25 Wigmore St, London W1 (020 7590 8910; boffi.com).

■ Collaborating with 1st Dibs for the first time, Soane is opening a pop-up shop this May at the New York Design Center. The large space will have for sale many of Soane's most sought-after products, with an emphasis on metalwork, lighting and upholstery. Renowned for the quality of its British craftsmanship and the originality of its designs, Soane has attracted a dedicated client base in the USA. The Soane pop-up shop runs at The New York Design Center, 200 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10016, 2-20 May. For more information, ring 020 7730 6400, or visit soane.co.uk.

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■ Jo Malone has collaborated with British interiors company David Hicks by Ashley Hicks to produce three designs for its three signature scents. Each scent has been paired with one of the vibrant graphic prints that Hicks père was famous for. The zesty scent of 'Lime Basil and Mandarin' has been matched with 'Riviera'; 'Red Roses' has the trademark 'Hicksonian'; and intense 'Pomegranate Noir' is paired with the striking 'Carnation'. Ring 0870 034 2411, or visit jomalone.com.

■ Taking place in London's Kensington Olympia from 11-14 May, The Spirit of Summer Fair, in association with *House and Garden*, is the perfect boutique shopping experience, offering inspiration for summer living. The fair hosts over 300 companies, in areas ranging from fashion and jewellery to travel accessories and garden products. In particular, Garden Trading will be showcasing beautiful garden accessories, while Clare Allen will be displaying reversible summer handbags as well as hand-embroidered soft furnishings by Sophie Pattinson. Ring 0844 412 4623, or visit spiritofsummerfair.co.uk ■



From top: 'Pomegranate Noir' candle in 'Carnation' at Jo Malone; Rubelli showroom in Chelsea Harbour; 'Swivel Quiver' klismos chair at Soane; 1954 Ferrari from Ralph Lauren's collection; portrait of a young boy at Robert Young Antiques;



mid-Victorian leather fire bucket from Paul King at the Decorative Antiques & Textiles Fair; 'Aprile' kitchen at Boffi

