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New in at CP Hart's revamped Waterloo showroom is Italian bathroom company Gessi's Cono collection of basins and baths, which come in sleek-but-tough Cristalplant. *Cono freestanding washbasin*, £3,860.40; *and side table*, £1,920 (cpbart.co.uk)



BUCKLE UP

Purveyor of luxe materials (think cashmere to crocodile) de Le Cuona has a new store on Pimlico Road. Pop in for fab accessories like this Karoo Buckle linen and leather cushion in Stone, £230. 44 Pimlico Road, SW1 (delecuona.com)

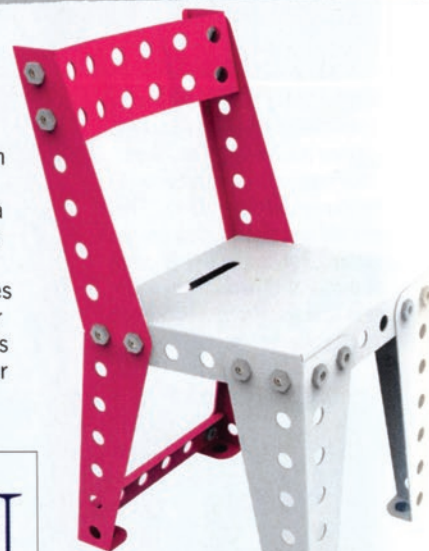


Box clever

Try before you buy at Shop Tent's east London pop-up with a selection edited by team Livingetc; ends 28 February. Unit 32, Box Park, 2 Bethnal Green Road, E1 (shoptent.co.uk)

LAND MARKS

Fashion illustrator Jason Brooks's new tome *London Sketchbook* is a picturesque adventure around the streets of London, from the Houses of Parliament to hipster hangouts. See the sights from the comfort of your coffee table. £19.95 (laurenceking.com)



NUTS 'N' BOLTS

Nostalgia alert! Meccano is back and it's gone large. A furniture collection for kids (and grown-ups) is available exclusively at Holloways of Ludlow. *Meccano kids' chair*, £187 (hollowayssoftudlow.com)

EAT, DRINK, DESIGN London restaurants with the most stylish interiors

This month: House

The National Theatre, Upper Ground, South Bank, SE1 (020 7452 3600, nationaltheatre.org.uk/house)

WHAT At long last, the National Theatre has a restaurant to match the quality of its productions. Modern European cooking plays a starring role.

LOWDOWN House is part of a massive, £80m revamp of the NT, which also includes a complete refurb of the Dorfman Theatre (formerly known as the Cottesloe), a snazzy new bookshop, a craft beer bar and an all-day café.

LIVINGETC LOVES... The space has great bones thanks to Denys Lasdun's brutalist architecture. The concrete ceiling and walls and original parquet provide a surprisingly warm backdrop. Ismini Samanidou's wall hangings add texture. Minimal lighting and furniture keep the drama to the stage, while balconies at either end subtly capture the buzz of the theatre-goers below.

FOOD AND DRINK An espresso martini will perk you up for even the longest Pinter. Starters feature steak tartare, smoked octopus or a beetroot salad. Comforting mains include an artichoke risotto, pan-fried cod and chips and short rib and ox cheek bourguignon. For the sweet-toothed, there's a flavour to fit any taste with strawberry and raspberry fraiser, orange and milk chocolate mousse or a warm caramelised apple with shortbread.



MAIN PICTURE The restaurant embraces Denys Lasdun's brutalist concrete grid ceiling. **INSET** Pared-back lighting complements the textured Ismini Samanidou wall hangings

