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## These are the most stylish furniture pieces from your favourite fashion brands



Luxury leather brand Berluti's creative director Kris Van Assche joined hands with the founder of Laffanour Galerie

Downtown François Laffanour to showcase 17 stunning pieces of furniture at the Design Miami fair in 2019. The pieces were a tribute to, and a reminder of, the artistic genius of Pierre Jeanneret — the Swiss architect renowned for designing the Indian city Chandigarh, along with his cousin Charles-Édouard Jeanneret who went by the pseudonym Le Corbusier.

Original Pierre Jeanneret pieces from the 1950s created for the administrative buildings of Chandigarh's Capitol Complex were restored by Laffanour and upholstered with Berluti's hand-patinated Venezia leather.

In the collection, what strikes immediately are the colours — Van Assche used 18 different shades for the 17 pieces that include the Nespola orange day bed, Pinjore garden green judge armchair (pictured), one Sukhna cinema chair in purple and another in Simal red. Also part of the distinctive U, V, and X-like shape solid teak furniture are a base-building desk, high court chair, a pair of library chairs and folding screen. The only piece with Berluti signature tobacco colour leather upholstery is the writing chair, which is also one of the few with rattan seats.

To ensure that the historical integrity of the collection was maintained, Domeau & Pérès, who worked on the upholstery as per Berluti tradition, used magnetic fixings. And for the sake of preserving the character of each piece, normal signs of wear were left intact.