

SPACES

SAN FRANCISCO | MARIN | NAPA | SONOMA

FORMING ROOTS

MAKING THE CASE FOR BETTER LIVING

WINTER/SPRING 2020

DESIGN SPOT



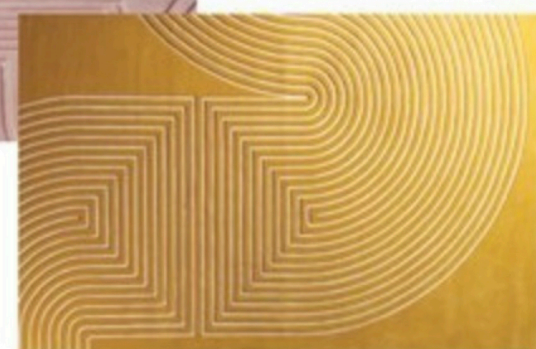
CALIFORNIA DESIGNER Kelly Wearstler's "Frequency" vase, lantern, footed bowl and centerpiece bowl for Danish silversmith Georg Jensen incorporate a wavelike element that is industrially produced and then hand-finished. Wearstler's pieces — comprising an undulating stainless steel ribbon, folded to form crests and dips (inspired by the Pacific Ocean) and attached to polished stainless-steel or glass vessels — come in several sizes and are affordably priced from \$95 to \$250. georgjensen.com



THE 1898 GERMAN LUGGAGE company Rimowa, whose distinctive designs include 1937 ribbed aluminum luggage inspired by aircraft construction and similar cases made of polycarbonate since 2000, is now a part of the French LVMH luxury brand, which has opened a tony new Rimowa store in San Francisco's Union Square area. Housed in a historic building, the new 1,400-square-foot space features a luggage carousel design that has aluminum and polycarbonate details. Polycarbonate luggage can be personalized with in-store heat embossing. Alongside new sage, saffron, coral and slate cases, look for vintage limited-edition pieces from the brand's archive on display. rimowa.com

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN-BASED

Scott Group Studio, a national bespoke rug firm with a Sausalito showroom, has just launched the art deco-inspired Empire collection under its Hokanson brand. Empire's five styles — Karri, Laiton, Bloc, Bricka and Latta — incorporate one or all of these elements from early 20th-century rug designs: geometrics, stepped forms, sweeping curves and bold colors. Each rug in the Hokanson for Scott Group Studio collection is hand-knotted and hand-tufted in Asia and can be produced in custom colors and sizes. Prices vary depending on materials and size. scottgroupstudio.com



NEW SOFTWARE called AR Instantly, by the firm Geopogo, could be game-changing for architects and consumers, as "augmented reality for the built environment" or "3D made simple," CEO/co-founder architect Dave Alpert says. Currently operating out of UC Berkeley's startup accelerator SkyDeck, Alpert and his team can construct virtual buildings on a site. "With AR Instantly, you can bring a BIM (building information model) into

TECHNOLOGY IS SHRINKING TIME and space. Google tech has streamlined mapping, and now a San Francisco company called Wescover can, with Google Lens, help people find creators of art or furnishings easily. The artist or maker has to be registered with Wescover to enable users in a public space like a hotel or restaurant to aim their phone cameras at something they like, and link to metadata accessible through Wescover and its "virtual gallery." Co-founded by Israeli engineer-turned-entrepreneur Rachely Esman, Wescover has cataloged over 35,000 artworks and has "7,500 creator brands and individuals registered," Esman says. As many as 1,000 design objects are being cataloged daily. wescover.com

a flexibly scaled AR model with only two button clicks on the desktop and no custom effort," Alpert says. For example, with AR Instantly and a headset, designers, proponents or opponents of a project can assess its potential physical impact on a site in advance; they can also "walk" untethered through the "structure." Colors and other construction details on this kind of architectural model can be changed in an instant, and economically, because a Geopogo headset and AR Instantly software license starts for the relatively low price of about \$9,500. geopogo.com



AT AGE 90, Sir Kenneth Grange, a founder of the design collective Pentagram and design director of the British Anglepoise company, has created Type 80, a new line of Anglepoise lamps that have timeless profiles and innovative "halo" features that allow light to "spill" over their conical shades. The table lamp has sprung joint mechanisms, cables routed through the arms and an on-shade on/off switch. The wall sconce and ceiling rose options are easy to install. Ultra-matte colors include rose pink, pistachio, gray mist and matte black. Prices range from \$160 to \$295. anglepoise.com

