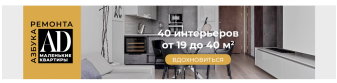

Furniture designed by Rena Dumas

Five pieces designed by a renowned French architect, boutique and furniture maker for Hermès.

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The architectural studio RDAI decided to honor the memory of its founder, French architect Rena Dumas, and jointly with The Invisible Collection a series of furniture designed by her design. The collection includes five items designed by Dumas specifically for his interior projects.

Rena Dumas (1937–2009) was one of the few women in the competitive environment of French architects of the second half of the 20th century. In 1972, she founded her own bureau and used the international knowledge she gathered in Greece, the USA and Paris to create sophisticated and luxurious interiors. Since 1976, she has been the main architect for the Hermès fashion house, and also designed for Christofa, Yves Saint Laurent, Antena. As a true professional, Dumas came up with not only interior and architectural solutions, but also furniture. For example, she created the Pippa collection of folding furniture for Hermès and also designed a series of items for Le Reboute. But elements of the new capsule collection The Invisible Collection only include models that have not previously been launched into production.

Among them is the elegant Oasaria table, which the architect made for her own house in 1988. It is an ingenious and functional piece that can change unpredictably thanks to its well-thought out geometry. The two table halves can be connected or used separately, and the folding semicircular sides can be raised or lowered. Dumas also provided a central insert-table top, which turns Oasaria into a convenient work or dressing table.

The Alta consoles and bedside tables stand out for their pixelated structure and slimness. Dumas invented them for a private residence, which she worked on in 1968. Items are crafted from polished oak. The collection is complemented by the minimalist Lumière carpet – an abstract composition with a large yellow circle, symbolizing the disk of the sun.

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