



ONE FOR ALL

This cupboard grabs attention on several levels. First off, a cowhide facade framed by brass studs lends it a medieval feel. Then there's the charming handle with etch-outs of birds. Inside, the rosewood cabinet is fitted out like a bar with open shelves. The piece is part of newly launched furniture label Accentuate, established by Singapore-based Pakistani Aisha Ashraf. She prides herself on designing fully customisable accent pieces that marry the classical and modern.



JAZZED UP JAVA

As the Year of the Dragon looms into view, Nespresso and Shanghai Tang have collaborated to come up with a collection that includes a capsule holder box and cappuccino cup set. Breathe some fire into your morning joe with the Citiz Coffee Machine, which features a motif of the mythical creature in all its magnificence on the side panels. Who knows? It might even bring luck to your day.

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TWISTED THOUGHTS

Children are taught to avoid violence in settling disputes, yet grown-ups develop weapons to kill over disagreements. Depicting women getting abused is accepted in popular media, but showing their nude forms is deemed indecent. With life surrounded by such contradictions, Dutch artist Iskander Walen hopes to highlight them in his sculpture collection, where each piece is a hybrid of an explosive and the female breast. Visit his online gallery at www.iskanderwalen.com to view Lovebombs, a name that seems at odds even with itself.



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