

DINE UNDER

A cut above

Serious cooks and entertainers will agree that few things make the tasks at hand more enjoyable than quality tools. Which is why the arrival of two premium Australian knife and cutlery brands to these shores is such excellent news. The number-one knife brand down under, Fūri knives are much prized for their long-lasting sharpness as well as their unique, curved profile, which encourages correct chef-style knife skills. Stanley Rogers is an 85-year-old cutlery brand, known for its classic and contemporary offerings that complete any table setting perfectly. Look out for their two designs: Baguette, with its magnificent mirror finish, and Albany, both in premium 18/10 stainless steel. prestigehousewares.co.za

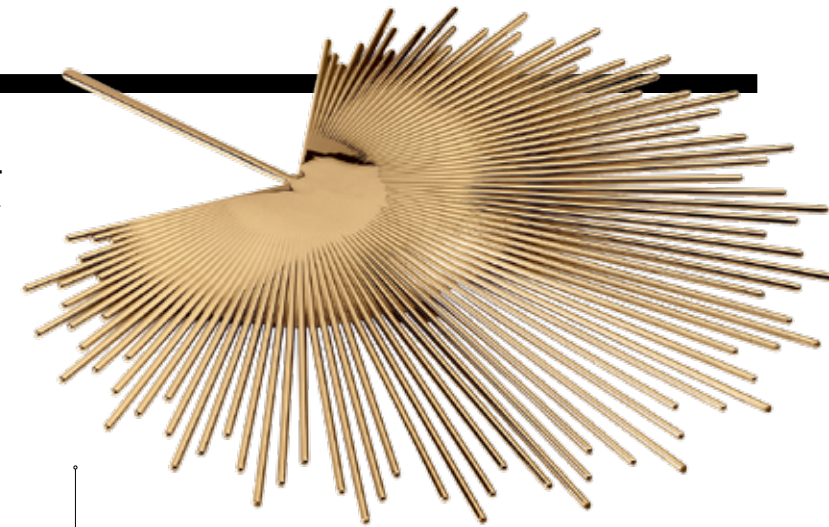
A wide range of timeless Stanley Roger cutlery designs can be purchased from other international retail territories

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SWANNING ABOUT

Forget floating candles – inflatable swans are the A-list accessory for rocking parties this year, transforming pool areas into summertime hotspots. This set of larger-than-life blow-up birds includes a variety of colours and shapes and is perfect for channelling Miami-inspired moments. And let's be honest, they make perfect Instagram fodder too! They're not cheap, but they'll certainly be the most coveted seats in the house. funboy.com



HARD ACT TO FOLLOW

There's no doubt that the tropics is the inspiration for the magnificent cast-brass Palm Plate by Nika Zupanc for Italian design brand Ghidini – making it an ideal candidate to take centre stage at your table this summer. The delicate brass fronds, elegant metallic finish and distinct retro-fabulous lines of this under-plate make it more artwork than table attendant, and one you'll want to have out on display whether it's in use or not. ghidini1961.com

DESIGNER DIFFUSER

If hippie dippy incense holders aren't your thing but having a beautifully fragranced home is, then this sleek diffuser, created for edgy London lighting brand Buster+Punch may well work for you. The supremely elegant lines of the metal plate (choose from steel or brass), the beautifully simple ceramic dish and the apothecary-style oil bottle (available in an earthy Burnt Iron or Sea Breeze scent) make it a style buy you'll be proud to display. busterandpunch.com



HANDBLOWN BEAUTIES

Good news just in for décor aficionados: vases from Dutch glass design leaders Dutz are now available at Weylandts, and they're magnificent! A luminescent palette of colours reminiscent of the cosmos, a series of voluptuous shapes and sizes, and a guarantee that no two of these handblown creations are alike, take these vessels from practical flower receptacles to really impressive works of art. One is fun but a few are fabulous! weylandts.co.za



SOFT TOUCH

Iconic French fashion designer Jean Paul Gaultier has turned his attention to soft furnishings with this Afro-inspired cushion, for leading décor and design collaboration brand Roche Bobois. Manufactured in velvet, combined with a suede-like fabric and featuring distinct African patterning, this bold little number is a collector's piece for design aficionados. Look out for Gaultier's embroidered signature – a detail that elevates it into a highly collectable talking piece. roche-bobois.com