

# Bold as brass

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Italian house Ghidini 1961 introduces a touch of metallic glamour to a collection of objects intended for daily use



Nika Zupanc's Sunset mirror

Under the direction of designer Stefano Giovannoni and his team, Italian brand Ghidini 1961 has delivered an eclectic collection ranging from furniture and lighting fixtures to homewares and accessories, all designed for everyday use. Rarely has brass been given such sublime treatment in contemporary design.

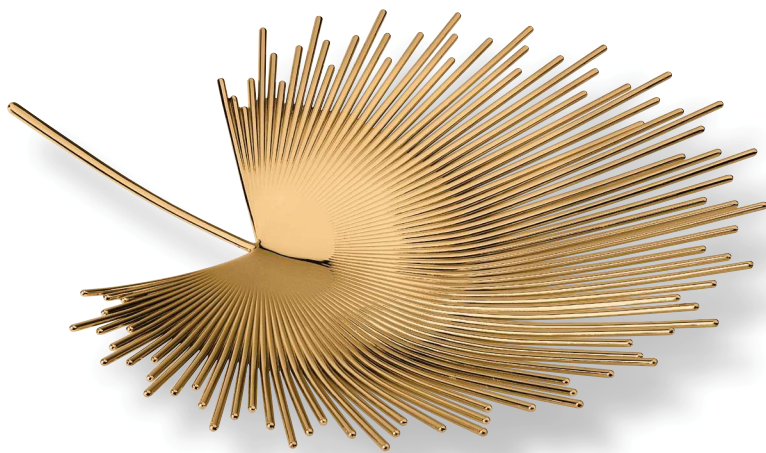
Founded in 2016, Ghidini 1961 has inherited the fine Italian craftsmanship, manufacturing know-how and advanced die-casting and polishing technologies of its parent company, Ghidini Bosco of Villa Carcina, which has more than 50 years' experience in the trade. The finished products (the entire production process takes place in-house) accentuate the lustre and reflective properties of brass.

Conceived by several designers, including Giovannoni, Aldo Cibic, Andrea Branzi, Elisa Giovannoni, Studio Job and Paolo Rizzatto, the brand's debut products, such as Nika Zupanc's Florida bowl and Palm tray, Richard Hutten's Butterfly clothes hanger, Branzi's Giotto lamp and Giovannoni's Rabbit series have become instant classics. The 2017 collection, comprising Alessandro Mendini's Ninfee coffee table, Zupanc's Sunset mirror and Flamingo lamp, Hutten's Tip-Top Trays and Rizzatto's Leporello stools – are all given a contemporary twist befitting the metal.

Available at Lane Crawford. ■

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Nika Zupanc's cast brass Florida fruit bowl



Alessandro Mendini's Ninfee coffee tables