

# Milan TREND REPORT

As the world's most important furniture fair, Milan's Salone del Mobile sets the scene for design trends for the year ahead. Read on to see what's in store for interiors in 2016.

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Roberto Cavalli, Salone del Mobile



Whether you're looking for the romance of opulence, the nostalgic comfort of summer holidays, or the fulfilment of tranquillity – 2016 is designed to take you right where you belong. New concepts, fresh and surprising interior design trends that will influence our homes for the next 12 months and beyond filled the stands at the Salone del Mobile, Milan – the greatest trade fair in the world. The gorgeous looks are anything but basic, they include dramatic blue tones, bold lighting details and exciting textures and patterns.

### COLOUR

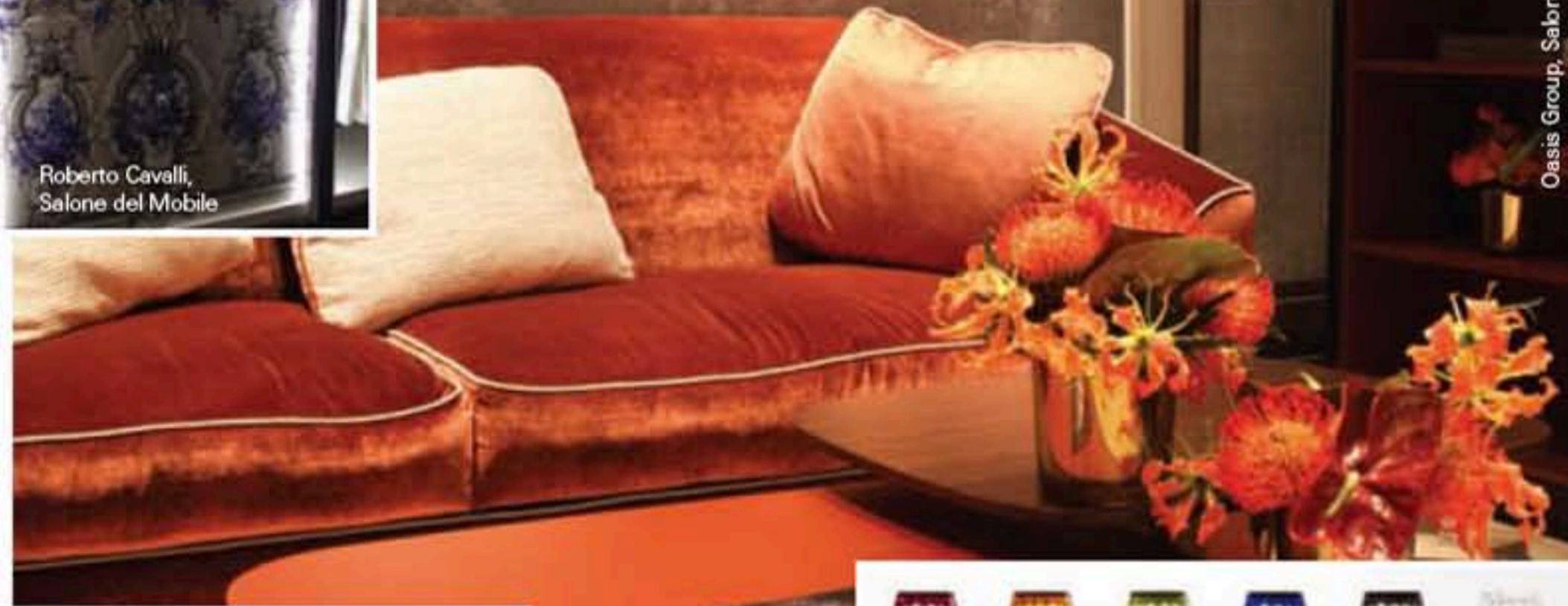
2016 exudes confidence with strong, darker mid-tones mixed with milky pastels inspired by history and romance. Natural monochromatic tones pair with softened, reflective hues in retro influences, while rich leather and marine tones along with vibrant jewel and fruit colours come together for a decadent atmosphere. Paint colours for the home will still revolve around sophisticated cleaner whites, smokier neutrals and updated muted pastels. Feature walls are out and zone painting schemes are in.



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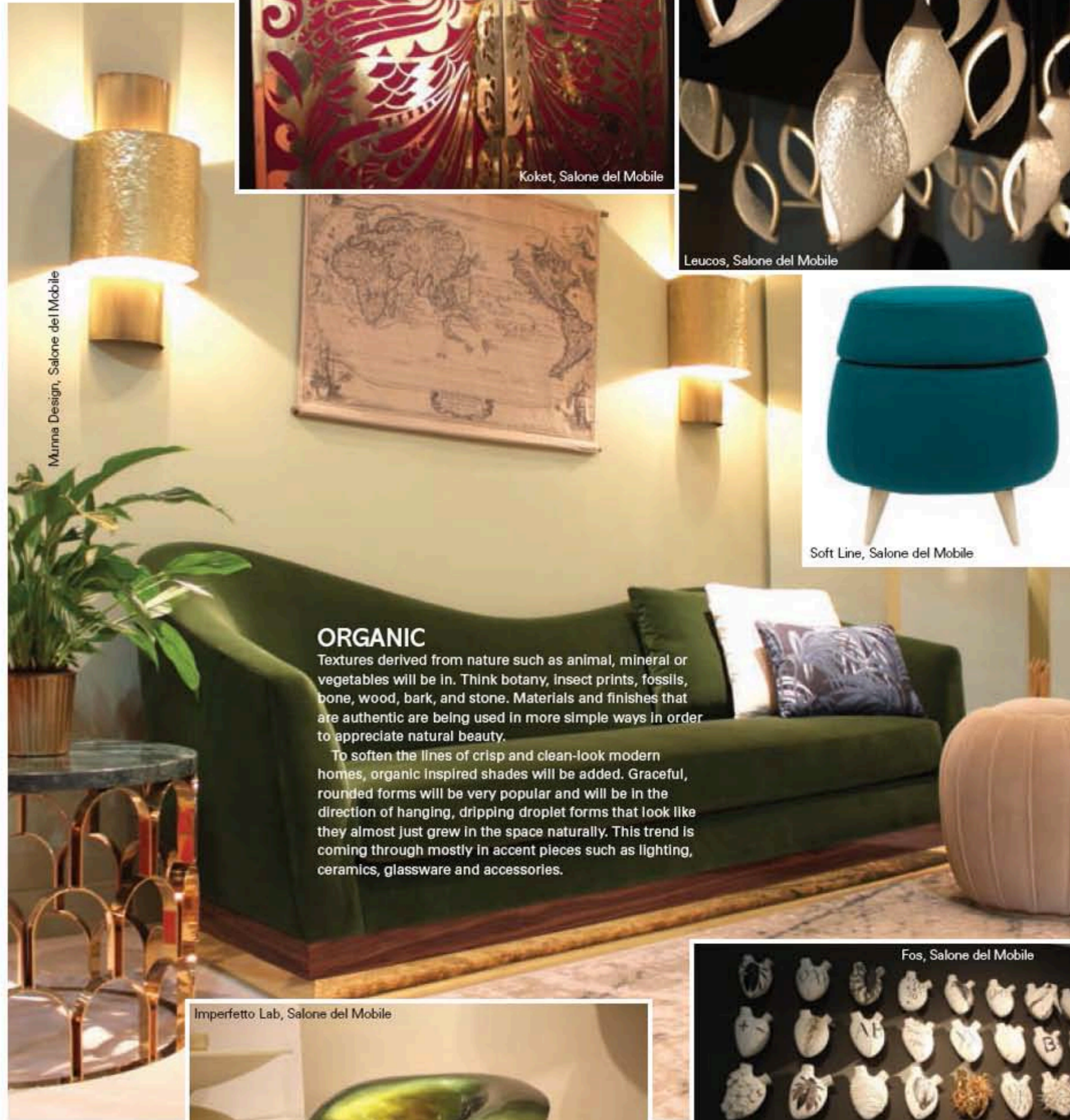
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### ORGANIC

Textures derived from nature such as animal, mineral or vegetables will be in. Think botany, insect prints, fossils, bone, wood, bark, and stone. Materials and finishes that are authentic are being used in more simple ways in order to appreciate natural beauty. To soften the lines of crisp and clean-look modern homes, organic inspired shades will be added. Graceful, rounded forms will be very popular and will be in the direction of hanging, dripping droplet forms that look like they almost just grew in the space naturally. This trend is coming through mostly in accent pieces such as lighting, ceramics, glassware and accessories.

Imperfetto Lab, Salone del Mobile



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Soft Line, Salone del Mobile



Fos, Salone del Mobile





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### LIGHTING

Lighting has gone big and can be found in a variety of colours and finishes. Statement, large-scale light fixtures, a cluster of multiples or a striking style, can shake up an entire room. Lights are focal points and can be as important as art, furniture or an interior paint palette. Lighting can also dictate the entire personality or mood of a space.

Don't hesitate mixing and matching finishes among light fixtures, hardware and plumbing – the mixed metal palette creates an interesting and inviting scene. You will soon see the illuminating impact created by sconces, lamps, pendants and chandeliers and how they can anchor a space or simply draw immediate design-worthy attention.



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### METALLIC

The 1950s and 1970s are hot trends in fashion design collections at the moment, and it's no different in interiors – mid-century modern with brass, gold and metallic finishes will be even more popular in 2016. Gold is back in, in hardware, tapware and faucets. Copper will also continue to be a favourite but as it doesn't go with everything it will sit on the sidelines. Get ready to embrace some retro bling – mix it with white and new patterns so it doesn't feel as dated.



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Moroso, Salone del Mobile



Longhi, Salone del Mobile

### PATTERN

Prints and pattern are definitely back on the rise. In the year ahead, visual impact is the key theme. On one side we see fluid looking prints, peacock feather patterns, photographic images, graded dip-dye designs, text, blurred images and floral and tropical prints. On the other side we see strong geometric designs, 3D patterns, repeated forms, kaleidoscopic images and patterns inspired by cells and molecules. Fabrics are about texture – be it visual or otherwise. Velvet, textures and raw-look weaves will be popular and the use of fabric for sofas and upholstery is back.



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Exteta, Salone del Mobile

## CULTURE

The influence of cultures from a variety of different regions has been enriching our interiors for a while now. We are seeing new interpretations of traditional, ethnic designs as they morph into unending new possibilities.

With the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, the world will crave bold, ethnic-inspired colours, designs and crafts that reflect a Bohemian lifestyle. But, today's wandering nomads aren't starving artists – they're fusing the carefree spirit of the gypsy with the sophistication of the jet set. This opens up our interiors for a collected aesthetic highlighting local artisans, reclaimed woods and loads of colour through tiles and accent pieces.

Textured wood walls, floors and furnishings set the backdrop while bold wall coverings, a patchwork of colourful fabrics, rugs and oversized lighting layers on more personality and authentic interiors.



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Missoni Home, Salone del Mobile



Interior designer Massimo Speroni from Massimo Interiors.

## INCORPORATING NEW TRENDS AT HOME

Trends in decorating come and go and, as with fashion, there are some of us who are more eager to jump on the latest bandwagon than others. Even the word 'trend' scares some people as they feel like they have to try it or else they will be left in the Dark Ages.

Not every trend is meant to last – some things do end up sticking around longer than others, but most of the time new trends come and go in the blink of an eye. To stay current but not redecorate every six months you need to design a home you love that works well for your lifestyle, then make small, gradual changes with some of the right trends from time to time.

Often big new trends are discussed in the New Year, and often have to do with the latest and greatest colours or styles of furniture, patterns, fabrics, etc. My advice is that it's a whole lot easier to keep large investment pieces such as sofas and dining tables for the long term, and small accessories like cushions, lampshades and rugs in the short term. If you really do love a trendy colour or style, just try to live with seeing the trend for a while before you commit. You can add in new colours and styles in small doses.