



plastic fantastic

Designed by Paris-based Michele Nexer (previously with Louis Vuitton) and hand-crafted by African tribes-people, the Imandeco range of occasional furniture, shopping bags and accessories combine French chic with a definitive ethnic vibe. Ideal for indoor or outdoor living, the range is made from braided, highly durable polypropylene in a range of zingy colour combinations and warm natural tones. For more information visit www.imandeco.com.au. **PB** *llcr*

snap happy



Luxe Studios is a new multi level photographic studio facility in the heart of East Sydney, its name confidently reflected in a streamlined design by Tina Engelen and Will Fung of CO-AP (Collaborative Architecture Practice). Luxe is comprised of six studios of varying scale and a dual rooftop location space which faces due north and enjoys uninterrupted sunlight year round. At ground level, the two largest studios, separated by a soundproof wall that glides away when required, are unique in scale and light quality. This is further enhanced by a state-of-the-art digital lighting system capable of washing the entire space in a light effect of superb quality and clarity, and literally any colour in the spectrum. Also featured throughout is reverse cycle air-conditioning, high quality music and intercom systems, bathrooms finished in Carrara marble and fully equipped kitchens. The studios also provide elegant blank canvases for all manner of event productions. Enquiries on (02) 9361 0077 or email dolores@luxestudios.com.au. **PB** *llcr*

dear fashionista



The word 'Cara' is Italian for 'Dear'. That's 'dear' as in 'darling'. Cara & Co is the darling brainchild of Australian entrepreneur Rosalia 'Rosa' Kamenev. Its flagship store in Moscow is dedicated to creating an oasis for what Rosa calls "intellectual fashion" and "luxurious minimalism", showcasing the very best of Australian designer labels that includes Akira, Frisoni Finetti, Ksubi and Ginger & Smart. An eclectic mix of boutique, café and department store, Cara & Co takes its cues from renowned Parisian concept store, Colette, combining high fashion, vintage treasures, art, food and music. The store is filled with an interesting, disparate collection of 19th and early 20th Century antiques and objet d'art sourced from around the globe. "We wanted to create a space for everyone, not just for Russians," insists Rosa. Hence Napoleon III furnishings and austere 1940s lighting exist cheek-by-jowl with '50s bric-a-brac and a '60s New York juke box that plays Russian pop music. The entire affair is so fantastically eclectic, you've got to note it in your little black book next time you're heading Moscow way.

Ashleigh Bonner *llcr*

off the wall



Dulux Wash & Wear Eco Choice paints contain less than five grams of Volatile Organic Compounds per litre, release less emissions and fewer odours than conventional paints, making painting more pleasant and friendlier to the environment. Eco Choice is available in a delicious range of colours including Bronze Fig, Crop Circle and Pure Zeal. To view the full range visit www.dulux.com.au. **PB** *llcr*

at home with nature

The striking 2008 Missoni Home range captures the sensations and atmosphere of the outdoors and brings them into the home in a dazzling display of colour, form and texture. The luxurious new collection includes bed linen, towels, rugs, tables, chairs, lamps and curtains. The sofas and armchairs in luminous double cottons are specially treated for outdoor use. Visit www.spenceandlyda.com.au for more information. **PB** *llcr*