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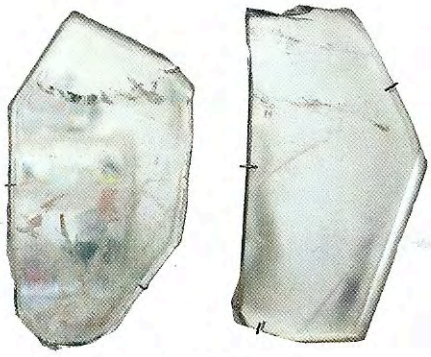


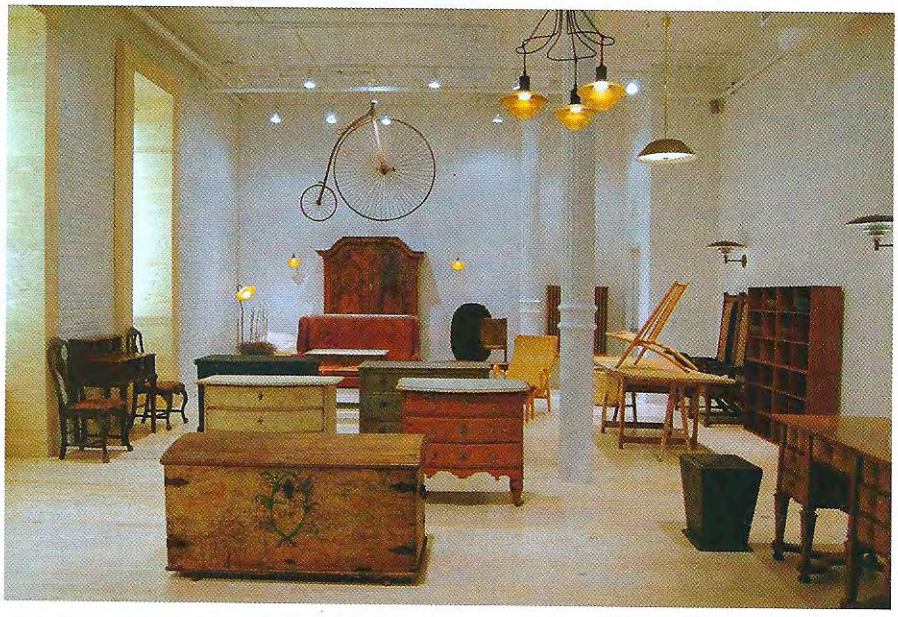
MINERAL RESERVE

These jewel-like 'Quartz' mirrors by Study O Portable are a result of the designers' fascination with contrasts. To make them, hunks of crystal are sliced into sections, which are then sold as limited-edition sets of seven or eight. Hang them as a group to add a dash of rough luxe to your walls. From £8,400, Caroline Van Hoek (carolinevanhoek.be).

Don't miss! *The Most Incredible Thing* at Sadler's Wells is a modern fairy tale with a musical twist conceived by the Pet Shop Boys. Based on a Hans Christian Andersen fable, it focuses on a contest to produce – as you might expect – the most incredible thing. March 25-April 7 (sadlerswells.com).

ART SPOT

Like an arty mini village in the heart of Paris, the new Jules et Jim hotel is a quirky addition to the cool Marais district. The design of the eight-storey townhouse is a melting pot of styles: the reception desk is a favela-chic design made from wood salvaged by Brazilian designer Gezo Marques; bedrooms feature futuristic white, backlit cocoons made of Hi-Macs (a high-tech resin and mineral composite) that wrap around the beds; and the bar is in a refurbished metal foundry, which nods to its industrial heritage with steel and walnut shelves, vintage oak flooring and neo-1950s furniture. Hôtel Jules et Jim, 11 rue des Gravilliers, 75003 Paris (hoteljulesetjim.com).



ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

Dienst + Dotter in New York is an antique store with a difference – it specialises in Scandinavian antiques and mid-century design. What's in store reflects the eclectic taste of owner Jill Dienst (who used to work at the Metropolitan Museum of Art). You could discover anything from a Swedish baroque dresser to an Arne Jacobsen swivel chair. Even if you're not buying, it's like visiting a museum (dienstanddotter.com).

CRYSTAL MAZE

German porcelain manufacturer Fürstenberg's latest collection is an exquisite example of the new trend for pastel shades. It has revived an ancient, complex glazing technique that dates back to the 10th-century Chinese Song Dynasty to create the 'Solitaire' collection of plates, bowls and vases. A mineral applied during the glazing process creates iridescent crystal formations, resulting in abstract patterns that are unique to each vessel. £670, available from April (fuerstenberg-porzellan.com).