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Press release

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Wallpaper* 'Cover Versions' exhibition – Featuring artworks by Michelangelo Pistoletto

Ermenegildo Zegna Headquarters

Via Savona 56/A, 20144 Milano

Exhibition: Thursday 17 – Sunday 20 April 2008, 10am till 5pm

Preview and launch party: Wednesday 16 April, 6.30pm till 9.30pm

Since March 2006, Wallpaper* magazine has worked with innovative artists, architects and designers on a unique series of limited edition covers. The list of collaborators includes Jeff Koons, Thomas Demand, Hedi Slimane, Zaha Hadid, Dieter Rams and, most recently, Michelangelo Pistoletto. During Salone del Mobile 2008, these covers will be showcased for the first time at Ermenegildo Zegna's spectacular new global headquarters in Milan for Wallpaper's 'Cover Versions' exhibition.

The exhibition will include Wallpaper's latest limited edition cover, designed by Michelangelo Pistoletto, a hugely influential Italian artist whose profile has never been higher. His work for Wallpaper* typifies his art, at once playful and profound. Also on display at the exhibition will be one of Pistoletto's most important works, *The Mediterranean Table – Love Difference*. The table represents a meeting place for the exchange of ideas between people of different cultures, a perfect fit for the international design summit that is Salone del Mobile.

Ermenegildo Zegna's new global headquarters, by architects Antonio Citterio and Partners with Studio Beretta, blends understated elegance with classic modernity. Its glass-framed entrance on Via Savona conceals one of Milan's hidden architectural treasures. The sustainable design, constructed around a palazzo-style interior courtyard, is encased in glass and steel walls, while inside are suspended glass walkways and skylights that fill the 2,300 sq m space with light.

The launch party and preview of 'Cover Versions' will take place on Wednesday 16 April on the first evening of Salone del Mobile 2008. The exhibition will remain open to the public for the duration of the fair.

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Wallpaper* limited edition front covers exhibited:

- Richard Patterson
- Yuri Masnyj
- Zaha Hadid
- Nigel Robinson
- Thomas Demand
- Ian Davenport
- Langlands & Bell
- Alan Fletcher
- Dieter Rams
- Marcus Palmqvist with Hussein Chalayan
- Marian Bantjes
- Marcel Wanders
- Keiichi Tanaami
- Hedi Slimane
- Jeff Koons
- Design Barcode
- Metz + Racine with Hervé Sauvage
- Tom Friedman
- Larry Sultan
- Johanna Grawunder
- Michelangelo Pistoletto

Exhibition concept and curators – Wallpaper* www.wallpaper.com

Exhibition hosts – Ermenegildo Zegna www.zegna.com

Exhibition architect – Antonio Citterio and Partners www.antoniocitterioandpartners.it

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