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From top: desk lamp by Bestlite at Geoffrey Harris; chairs from Roche Bobois; Lime Wood Hotel in the New Forest; 'Contemporary' tap by Triflow;

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■ Hidden away in the New Forest, Lime Wood is an elegant but cosy country-house hotel whose laid-back luxury and tranquil setting make it ideal for a weekend getaway. Interior designer David Collins has created an understated scheme using local materials, such as ash and stone. Thoughtfully chosen antiques, bespoke furniture, objets d'art and ceramics give every room a welcoming ambience, making Lime Wood feel like your very own country retreat. Lime Wood, Beaulieu Rd, Lyndhurst, Hants SO43 7FZ (023 8028 7177; [limewoodhotel.co.uk](http://limewoodhotel.co.uk)).

■ In May The Rug Co opened the vast wooden doors of its newly refurbished New York store. Inspired by a grand 18th-century English country house, the showroom is filled with beautiful contemporary and designer rugs and cushions. The showroom has a set of living spaces to encourage visitors to feel at home, and there is also an area designed to help customers create their own rugs from 1,600 shades of wool in different textures, including hand-knotted pieces. The Rug Co, 88 Wooster St, New York, NY 10012 (001 212 274 0444; [therugcompany.info](http://therugcompany.info)).

■ British company The Beardmore Collection has been producing the finest in architectural ironmongery since 1860. Today the business has its own in-house collection designed exclusively by Kettan Vara, the owner of Beardmore. With an art degree under his belt, Kettan decided to combine contemporary and traditional to produce a new, more design-led line. Farmer Bros & The Beardmore Collection, 321 Fulham Rd, London SW10 (020 7351 5444; [beardmore.co.uk](http://beardmore.co.uk)).

■ This April saw the opening of B&B Italia/Silvera's 750sq m store in Paris, designed by French architect Jean-Marie Massaud. Furnishings and accessories for the home and outdoors will be found on the ground floor and the underground level, while the first floor will feature collections specially created for the contract market. The store is located in the heart of the 'golden triangle of design' in Saint-Germain-des-Prés. B&B Italia/Silvera, 35 Rue du Bac, 75007 Paris (00 33 1 55 35 14 35; [bebitalia.com](http://bebitalia.com)).

■ To meet the demand for eco-friendly solutions to everyday products, Triflow has developed its new 'Contemporary' taps. The collection typically combines electronic valve technology and a unique touch-sensitive button to activate filtered water. Its filtration system reduces harmful chemical and biological contaminants, leaving beneficial minerals such as fluoride, magnesium and calcium – and thus making bottled water redundant. Triflow's Back to Tap campaign significantly lowers its carbon footprint. Ring 020 7079 0541, or visit [triflowconcepts.com](http://triflowconcepts.com).

■ Roche Bobois has opened a new 6,000sq m showroom dedicated entirely to its 'Les Provinciales' collection of elegant French-inspired furniture. It's a stone's throw away from its refurbished Les Contemporains store in north London. The 'Les Provinciales' collection is inspired by France's illustrious, if bygone, heritage of artisan cabinetmaking. Using the finest fragrant woods, materials and finishes, the collection combines comfort and luxury with durability. Roche Bobois Les Provinciales, 321 Finchley Rd, London NW3 (020 7317 8828; [roche-bobois.com](http://roche-bobois.com)).

■ Visitors to Geoffrey Harris's shop in Battersea can find classic, timeless objects, from plain-card lampshades to simple glass ceiling lights. Customers can also find iconic lighting ranges by Louis Poulsen and Bestlite in addition to Artemide's 'Tolomeo' task lights. The company is always updating its stock with new collections, such as the latest from Original BTC. Geoffrey Harris Lighting, 537 Battersea Park Rd, London SW11 (0800 955 0537; [geoffreyharris.co.uk](http://geoffreyharris.co.uk)).

■ French company Zuber has been making panoramics, wallcoverings, fabrics and leather products since 1797. Its paint collection, for both exterior and interior use, is available in 112 colours, including gold and silver, and for a minimum order of 4 litres bespoke colours can be made up. What sets its paints apart is that they contain no added water. The company has also adopted an ethos of 'low environmental impact'. Zuber, 28 Rue Zuber, BP1, 68171 Rixheim Cedex, France (00 33 3 89 44 13 88; [zuber.fr](http://zuber.fr)) ■



paints from Zuber; The Rug Co's showroom in New York; doorknob by 'Ket Vara Designs' for The Beardmore Collection

