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SICIS

Walking into the Sicis stand is like walking into a romantic tableau—intricate mosaic work on the walls and boudoir-esque velveteen sofas and armchairs in deep reds and purples. The legendary art mosaic company, which creates intricate patterns with pieces of tiles to communicate the lifestyle and personality of its clients, just launched a furniture line in collaboration with fashion designer Christian Lacroix. He's taken the whimsical elements of Sicis' patterns and exaggerated them perfectly: two halves of one soul. *Sicis.it*
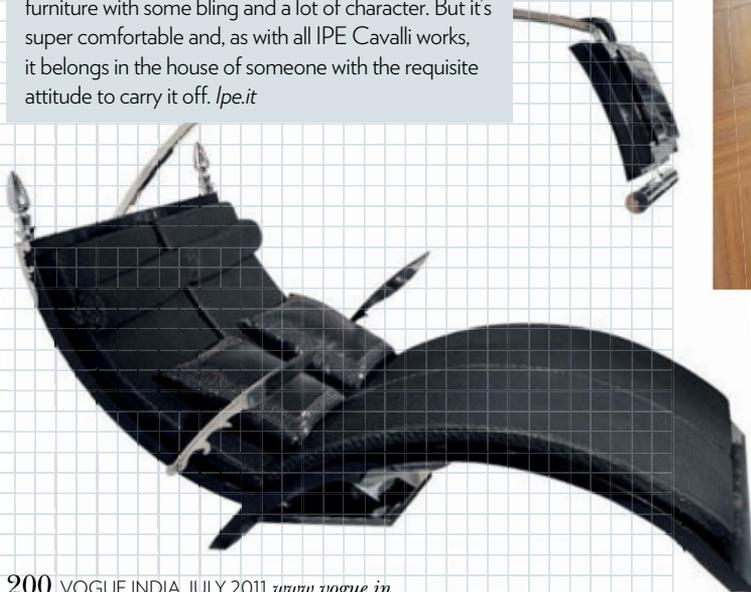
Larger than life

If, like your fashion, your furniture too must reflect your personality, these are the brands you need to look at

IPE CAVALLI

Drama, drama, drama—it's the IPE Cavalli way. The company reinterprets Gothic colours and symbols to create furniture that's seductive and plush. A striking example is the Primula chaise longue—a piece of furniture with some bling and a lot of character. But it's super comfortable and, as with all IPE Cavalli works, it belongs in the house of someone with the requisite attitude to carry it off. *Ipe.it*

Kitchen gods

You believe your kitchen shouldn't just be about utility; it should also have style. These two brands epitomise the idea

MINOTTI CUCINE

The company describes Minotti Cucine's latest kitchen as 'visual silence'. It's the kitchen that doesn't look like a kitchen. A quiet altar with hidden stove tops and accoutrements, the Minotti Cucine is a study in contradictions—it's sparse but well equipped. Anyone who appreciates minimalist luxury couldn't do better than this. *Minotticucine.it*

SCAVOLINI

This 50-year-old brand is known as Italy's favourite kitchen company. What they've done is inject a brilliant dose of light-heartedness into their products. This is a kitchen for cooks, not for the help. Sample the quirky, stylish model, **Crystal**, designed by that ambassador of irreverence, Karim Rashid. Its playful design makes you happy to be within, making the art of cooking a fun project. *Scavolini.com*