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## Lanzavecchia Wai – Product Designer

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Airplane interiors, senior-friendly aids, and furniture that makes you smile. Lanzavecchia + Wai's thoughtful designs are useful, practical and so very poetic.

Charles Eames once said, "The details are not the details. They make the design." Nowhere is this more true than in the practical, yet poetic designs of Lanzavecchia + Wai.



Spaziale Series

Lanzavecchia + Wai is a creative collaboration between Francesca Lanzavecchia and Hunn Wai. Wai hails from Singapore and was educated as an industrial designer at the National University, while Lanzavecchia received her BA in Product Design from Politecnico di Milano, Italy. They met at the Design Academy Eindhoven in the Netherlands, where both graduated with Masters in Design under the direction of Gijs Bakker, co-founder of Droog Design.

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Metamorfoosi Vegetali

The levity in their designs extends to kitchenware as well, with the 'Circus' collection of glass cloches (2013) with elephants, monkeys and a trapeze artist at the top. The "Mimesi Urbane" series of ceramic sculptures are equally exquisite and charming with our urban landscape making these animals "invisible".

More recent designs have included the Mutazioni for Nodus High Design rugs where two fictitious insects (Amaurodes Chernobilis and Tacua Fukushimae) were invented by the designers to refer to the two natural disasters that have occurred in their lifetime.



MyCocoon

The MyCocoon (2014) is a futuristic chromatherapy device that boosts wellness with a "light-bath". Also pretty out there, is their Metamorfoosi Vegetali, a "future sensing protheses", two sets of finger-impliments that will allow us to "produce the oxygen we breathe, feed directly off the ground and even grasp the more subtle changes in the weather."

With every new design, Lanzavecchia + Wai are firmly cementing their position in the design world. Because of their thoughtfulness, their designs will stand out among the thousands of new designs flooding the market every year. Whether it is interiors for an airplane or a walking-stick for the elderly, the attention to detail, as Charles Eames said, says it all.

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