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BOOK **Vladimir Kagan**

"My greatest satisfaction is when the sketch looks as though I had drawn it from the final piece, instead of the other way around," is the quote scrawled across the back cover of *Vladimir Kagan: A Lifetime of Avant Garde Design* (Pointed Leaf Press), the newly updated compendium of the 88-year-old designer's life work. It's hard to believe it happens any other way for the midcentury modern virtuoso, whose classic furniture pieces like the barrel chair and Serpentine sofa still inspire interior designers in the 21st century. The book's rerelease chronicles his recent commissions and continuing influence, and includes a foreword by architect Zaha Hadid. The new chapter takes readers into Tommy and Dee Hilfinger's monochromatic master bedroom, where a white Kagan Crescent sofa sits harmoniously under a series of vintage Marilyn Monroe photographs by Bert Stern; a lobby stocked with reproduced 1958 Ondine wing chairs in Portugal's L'and Vineyards and Hotel; and high above Manhattan to the dining room of the restaurant Robert, which crowns the Museum of Art and Design and houses a collection of his Floating Back sofas. Count us among the many anticipating the next decade of Kagan's timeless designs. —Nate Storey

TECH **Punkt MP 01 Cellphone**

Looking for a digital detox? Industrial designer Jasper Morrison has teamed up with the tech minimalists at Punkt to create a radically dialed-back mobile phone called the MP 01, available this month. It has no camera, no apps—not even a touch screen. "Perhaps the only thing we've added is the option to separate yourself from the addictive nature of smartphones," says Morrison, whose task was to create a phone that could help consumers escape the daily onslaught of digital noise. But the technologically basic MP 01 is aesthetically (and ergonomically) advanced: The sleek wedge shape and raised rounded buttons make for easy handling, while a handsome metal body and Gorilla Glass display encase a battery that can last several weeks between charges. Good looks aside, it might actually be the smartest phone to hit the market since 2007. \$295, punkt.ch —Nikki Ekstein

