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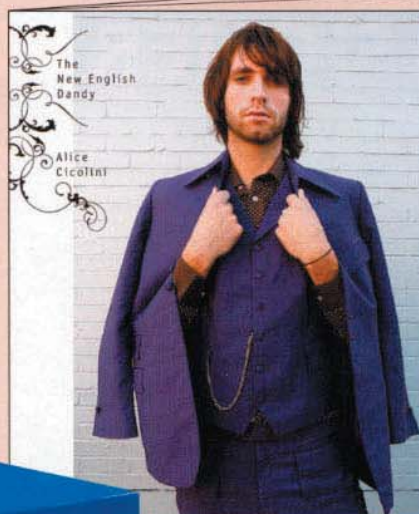
MUST-HAVE TABLES, CHAIRS AND EVEN TV STANDS!



Sartorially sussed Brit band **Franz Ferdinand**. Their new album *You Could Have it so Much Better* is out now (£8.99 from HMV).



New male style bible **The New English Dandy** by Alice Cicolini (Thames & Hudson, £24.95).



Glazed-ceramic **'Miss Pac' lamp** by Alvin Bagni, £75, Habitat.



Printed wallpaper by Roland Mourat for Habitat's 'VIP' collection, £25 for a 10.5m roll (available in two patterns).



Powder-coated steel **'Meccano' chair** by André Klausner, £175, also in grey or yellow, Thorsten van Elten.



Limited edition, handmade **acrylic and mahogany desk**, £16,000, made to order, Paul Kelley.

HOT TREND!

DANDY DECOR

Fix up, look sharp! There's a luxe new masculine mood around, so get set for well-groomed interiors with modish flair.

Blame suited and booted, sartorially sleek Glaswegian band Franz Ferdinand if you must, but we've detected a distinct air of hip male style-savvy doing the rounds lately, from the catwalks to interiors. In the fashion stakes, it's a movement celebrated by author Alice Cicolini in man-about-town bible *The New English Dandy*, whose chapters chart Brit-bloke chic from 'East End Flâneur' via 'Celebrity Tailor' to 'Terrace Casual', a heady cocktail of sharp suits, slick ska-boy styling and eccentric boho threads.

We're not, however, suggesting you go all Oscar Wilde-meets-Adam Ant flamboyant in the home. Instead, be inspired by Australian designer Greg Natale's suave Sydney house (see page 100), or 'Shaken & Stirred', our sophisticated gents'-club take on beautiful barware (page 118). Alternatively, pay a visit to new one-stop male lifestyle shop Bamford & Sons in London's Chelsea, which sells everything from old motor-racing and *Biggles* books to guys' grooming gear, desk kit and Sony 'Aibo' electronic dogs.

The new dandy decor is about daring to dress up your home, but with masculine restraint. Think bold colours, offset by subtly glam greys and blacks, glossy surfaces, graphic patterns, futuristic furniture and 'technotastic' accessories (with a smattering of boys' toys thrown in). It's about teaming an Eames lounge with crimson walls and a two-tone animal-skin rug; or metallic-look walls with cool, clean-lined chairs, a seductive glass dining table and a cheeky sci-fi figurine. What dandy decor is not, is feminine, fussy or frou-frou. Style-wise, this is a man's world.

For where to buy, turn to page 179.

DECO



It takes more than an air crash to make the boys in cult **Channel 4 series Lost** (Wednesday nights, at 10pm) lose their fashion sense.



Orange felt **'M1' laptop cover** by Hettler Tüllmann for Maloo, available in six sizes (custom-made, on request), also in grey and green, £69, Nog Gallery.



Bamford & Sons in London's Chelsea is a Mecca for boys' toys and clothes for men with va-va-voom.

ELLE DECORATION LOVES... the goodies on offer in the new mail-order catalogue from Scottish company Pedlars, including Brit designer Emma Jeffs' lace-patterned adhesive film for windows. Order your copy on 01 330 850400 or shop online at www.pedlars.co.uk.