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Design and Research Office, gives the five-storey shop a dramatic yet warm glow. neriandhu.com **7 WATER STEPS** Each year, the German faucet company Axor invites a handful of designers to rethink the spout by using the U-Base, a universal base for bathroom fittings. Swedish duo Front devised this two-tier metal fountain, called Water Steps, to emphasize the calming effects of trickling water. frontdesign.se, hansgrohe-int.com **8 OFFICE BY RICARDO CAETANO DE FREITAS** For a real estate office in Porto, Portugal, the local designer encased the meeting room in a metal-mesh framework that takes the form of a pitched-roof house. Other interior elements, including desks made from old doors, reference the home.

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