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## Marble Makes a Comeback in Design

An '80s design revival brings the luxury stone back in vogue



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The French used it to build Versailles, and Michelangelo chiseled it into the *Pietà*. Marble—long associated with historic works—is back in vogue, thanks to an '80s design revival combined with consumer demand for natural, raw materials. Designers such as Lee Broom, Barber Osgerby for B&B Italia and Marcel Wanders for Baccarat are giving it playful, contemporary twists, creating everything from wineglasses to phone chargers.



Barber Osgerby Tobi-Ishi table with Carrara marble frame *COURTESY OF VENDOR*

Architect Zaha Hadid debuted three new marble pieces for Citco at this year's Salone Internazionale del Mobile, including a black fireplace and a shelving system. "Post-recession, people are more comfortable buying things made from traditional luxury materials that are built to last and that have been high value for hundreds of years," says

Rodman Primack, executive director of Design Miami. Match it with warm materials such as wood, brass and leather.