

Press Release

CHAAC is a new multi-functional American Pool table designed by Hillsideout and produced in collaboration with **Hermelin Billiards Milan** - leader in the industry since 1825 which is presented at the spazio Rossana Orlandi in Milan during the Fuori Salone from the **12th until 17th of April 2016**.

The American Pool table has at least three functions:

Firstly - As a **traditional Pool table** - for professional use, too.

Secondly - The American Pool converts to a **table for aperitif use** by putting the covering-separé on top.

Thirdly - When the American Pool is in use the covering-separé becomes an **artistic boiserie-separé** which you can put in front of a wall or in the middle of a room.

The content of the table are as multiple as the function. Whilst the American Pool table with its wooden form reminds of **Mayan temples**, the séparé features a **mask inspired by the Maya's rain divinity Chaac** for whom the Pre-Columbian people sacrificed the winning players of the pelote game. We found visual and philosophical associations between pelote and the billiards game and therefore **combined the two worlds** through images in the wooden openings of the séparé. Historical images taken in the former factories of Hermelin Billiards Milan are mixed with Pre-Columbian vegetation and universal symbols like holes, snakes, numbers, water and heaven.

The **importance of "game"**, its social meaning as well as the meaning of sacrifice can be found in each angle of the piece. Definitely a very narrative and **anthropological piece!**

The installation Chaac features also our new limited edition **liquid colour Küken lamps** - a series that celebrates colour and its uniqueness when combined with transparent materials like resin, in this case with bakelite - an early plastic developed in New York in 1907.

Lamps (found in the factories of former East Germany) built in the Sixties for heating newborn chicks in the coop, are transformed into elegant and simple contemporary lighting. The lamp is covered with coloured resin and held by a handcrafted wooden structure. The shape of the wooden frame is a hexagram and each side has a 30 degree angle. This is the work of fine carpentry, being something difficult to do.

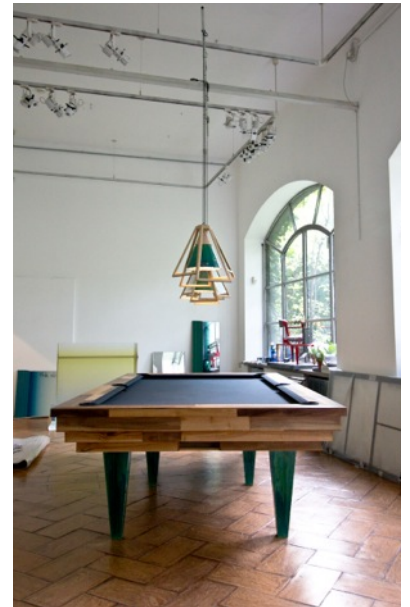
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CHAAC by Hillsideout
in collaboration with Hermelin Billiards Milan

12-17 Apr 2016
spazio Rossana Orlandi
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Title	American Pool "Chaac" with covering-separated, cue tea-table and accessories for game
Dimensions:	cm L 330 x D 200 x H 86 (American Pool with covering-separated) cm L 70 x D 61 x H 97 (cue tea-table)
Used materials	wood, slate, handcrafted wood of walnut, chestnut, alder, cherry and Lebanon cedar wood, coloured resin, plexiglass, spying mirrors, mirrors, lambda prints, screws of brass and magnets
Edition	unique



Title	Boiserie-Separé "Chaac"
Dimensions:	cm L 330 x D 5 x H 200 divided in 7 pieces (5 pieces of cm 46 x 5 x 200 + 2 pieces of cm 60 x 5 x 200)
Used materials	handcrafted wood of walnut, chestnut, alder, cherry and Lebanon cedar wood, plexiglass, mirrors, lambda prints, screws of brass and magnets
Edition	unique of 7 + 1 a.p.



Title	liquid color Küken lamp (green-blue / dark green-blue / light-green)
Dimensions:	cm L 45 x D 45 x H 45
Used materials	bakelite, handcrafted alder, walnut, cherry, chestnut and Lebanon cedar wood, electrical light system with twisted textile cable and light bulb, with or without plexiglass
Edition	unique and limited



Title	wooden floor stool
Dimensions:	cm L 37 x D 35 x H 60-80
Used materials	tile of antique wooden walnut floor, handcrafted wood of nut and alder wood, plexiglass, brass
Edition	unique and limited

