

DESIGNER RESTAURANTS





OLIVOMARE Restaurant

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The most explicit among them undoubtedly is the wide wall that characterizes the main dining room, entirely covered by a large cladding featuring a pattern inspired by the works of the visionary artist Maurits Escher.

Other important features of the main dining room – apart from the tables ("Dizzie", by the Italian Arper) and the chairs ("Lagò", by Ph.Starck for Driade) – are the upholstered white seat, entirely suspended on stainless steel brackets, on the side of which nine large holes hold a stock of cutlery, while a pendant ("Taio", by Artemide) supplies the light needed by its working top.

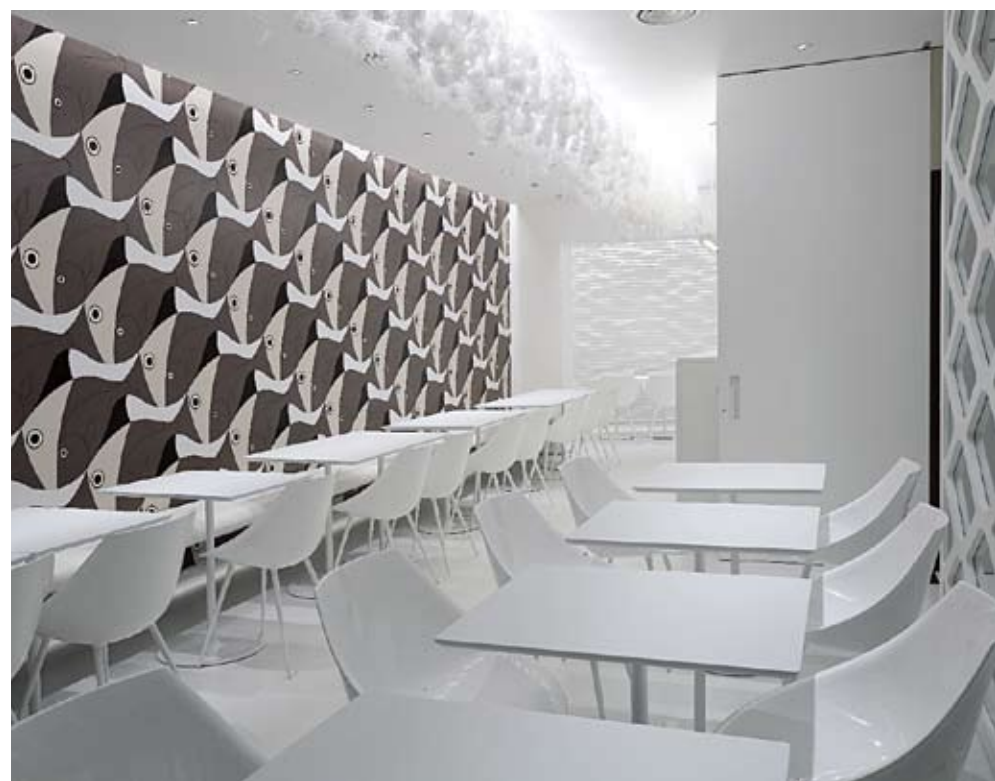
Besides the bar area is the opening of the staircase leading to the kitchen, located in the basement. In some alcoves next to it have been located some cabinets containing whatever waiters might need for their service.

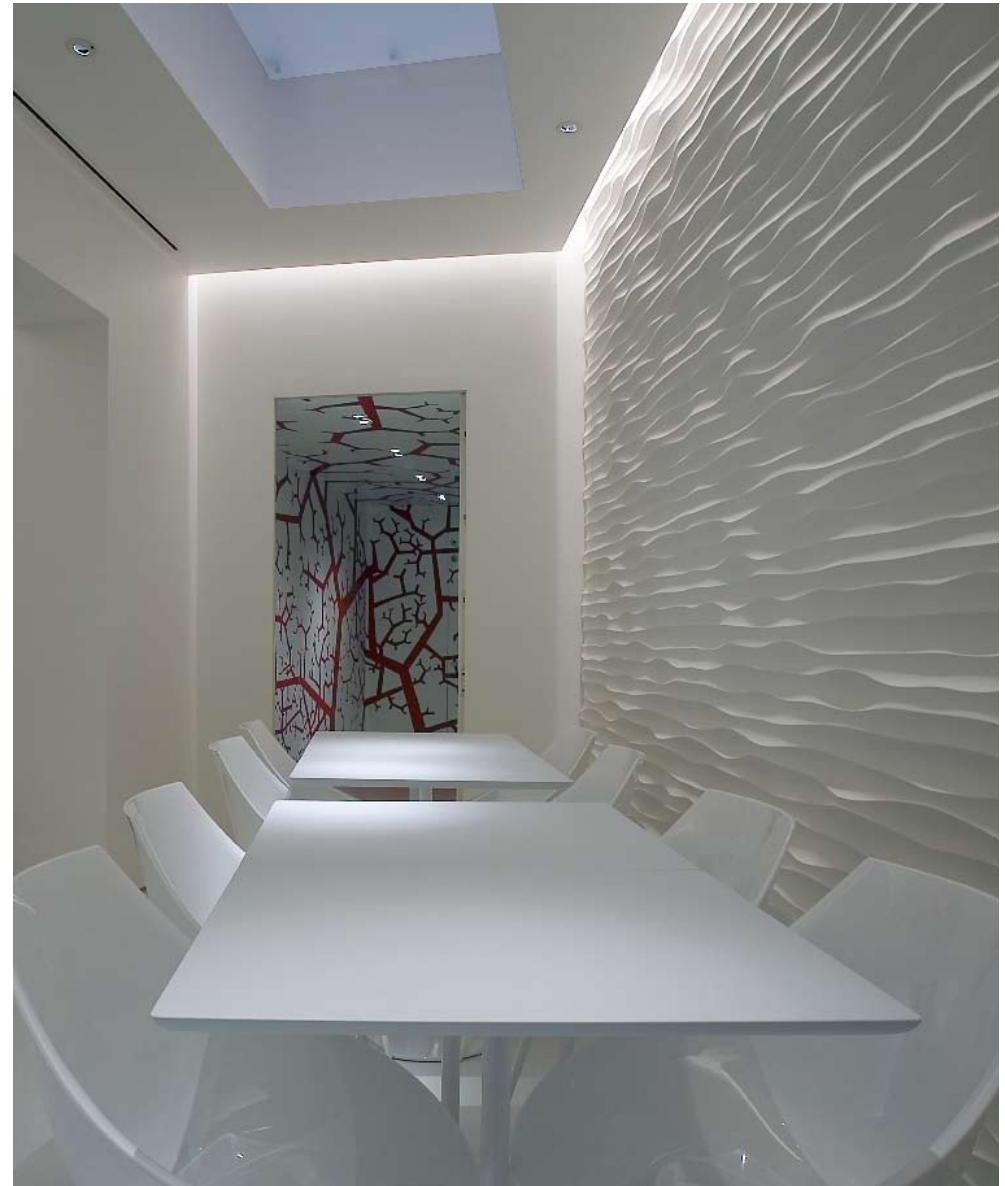
In the small dining room at the rear (flooded by natural daylight copiously dropping down through a wide skylight expressly open in its roof), the cladding of its only continuous wall – which also includes a

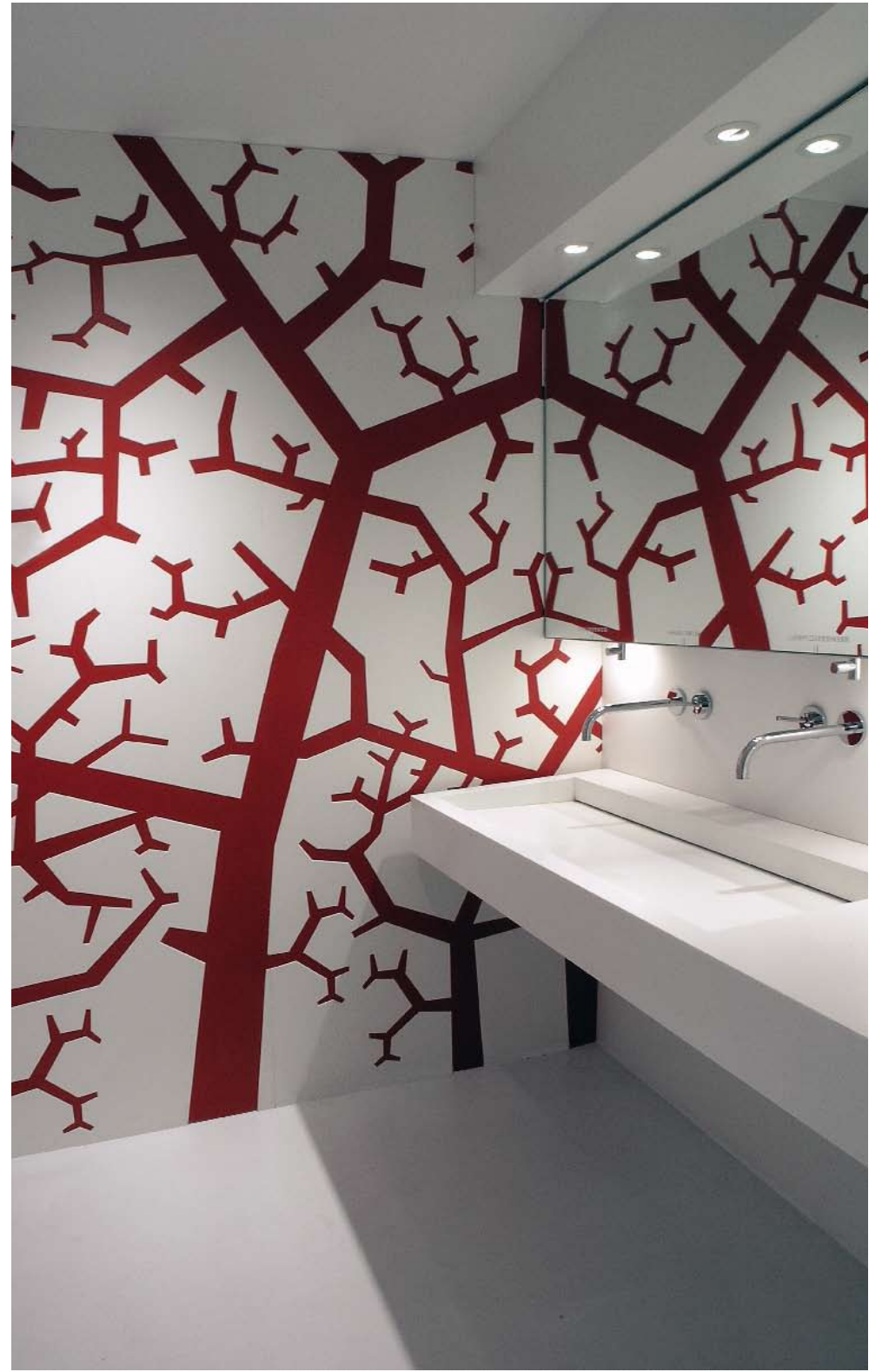
large curve – is characterized by a wavy relief meant to evoke the sandy surface of the beach when moulded by the wind. This surface has been finished with a special paint performing a "peach skin" effect (paint "Velvet", by GA.NI.Color, Italy). In order to emphasize the sculptural quality of such mouldings, a continuous linear light has been recessed into a perimetrical gap of the ceiling.

A sea of white colour has been used to enhance and link all these elements together, flooding all surrounding parts, from walls to ceiling, from the resin floor to the Corian made bar counter; a white sea working in this environment as an undifferentiated neutral background that intentionally disappoints any predictable expectation for blue colour.

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