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We celebrate talent, from a sizzling new designer to a fabulous linen range...

MELBOURNE'S Hermon & Hermon, long-time supporters of modern Filipino designers, recently launched a showroom space dedicated to the range of luminary Kenneth Cobonpue, with furniture from his eponymous brand, and lighting and accessories of the related design collective Hive. With Kenneth's range now sold in 40 countries, Barbara Hermon says she appreciates the designer's "putting together of organic materials with organic shapes", in sync with her own design passion. The permanent space is devoted to pioneering and recent pieces such as his Ying & Yang (1999, but just released in an L-shaped lounge), Yoda (just released in a bed version) and Pigalle chairs, along with Hive releases. Kenneth features in contemporary anthologies and award lists, and works with the likes of Marcel Wanders, for whom he manufactures some of the Moooi items. He meshes innovation (using organic island materials such as rattan and bamboo) with commercial nous (his first tertiary study was in business) and eco-awareness (the majority of his materials are produced in low-carbon-emission environments and use rapidly-renewable plants). His design ethic is to introduce warmth and harmony into the modern lifestyle.



HERMON & HERMON



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