BEST EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Furnished to make the daily grind refined

Some people may use their office only to work in, but we like to have the option of kicking back after a bit of hard graft. So we were pleased to come across Doshi Levien's 'Almora' armchair and footstool for B&B Italia, with a merino-wool headrest that designer Nipa Doshi describes as like 'seeing the snow-capped Himalayan peaks [while being] wrapped in a soft, warm blanket'. Still, no office would be complete without a desk, and among the flashiest new models is Rodolfo Dordoni's executive furniture system for Poltrona Frau, with a concealed wiring system and oak-and-leather surfaces. Bathe everything in a gentle glow with Joan Gaspar's clever 'Ginger' lamp for Marset, which fuses layers of wood and paper to create an ultra-lightweight shade.
BEST FOR MEN ONLY

Our favourite launches to tame whiskery faces

We can accept a unisex scent or two, and skincare technology works whatever the gender, but with men’s faces having gone in an unwaveringly bristly direction of late, there’s less room for product sharing. We’ve gathered the best recent launches to tame and tidy, from a sweetly scented beard oil from the studiously stubbly Tom Ford to a fine new fragrance from Guerlain, its bitter almond note balanced with unmistakably masculine undertones of cedar wood, patchouli, vetiver, leather and bergamot. As for the perfect male groom room, ours shapes up nicely with Doshi Levien’s mix-and-match geometric mirrors for Hay, and Jean Louis Iratzoki’s elegant shelves for Retegui, our pick from the Basque marble company’s first foray into furnishings.★

TOP SHELF: L’HOMME IDEAL, £48, BY GUERLAIN. VOLCANIC ASH WAX, £20, BY WINDLE & MOODIE. CONDITIONING BEARD OIL, £40, BEARD COMB, £28, BOTH BY TOM FORD. TEA SOAPS, £4 EACH, BY LONDON FIELDS SOAP COMPANY. LOWER SHELF: MOUSTACHE WAX, £10, BY NEVILLE, FROM BARBER & PARLOUR. PINCHING-GESTURE TWEEZERS: PRICE ON REQUEST, BY CLEMENS AULER. DETOX SERUM ANTIOXIDANT, £329, BY CROWN ALCHEMIST. ‘MAYA’ MIRRORS, PRICE ON REQUEST, BY Doshi Levien, FOR HAY. ‘EGALA’ SHELVES, £650, 800MM, £935, BOTH BY JEAN LOUIS IRATZOKI. FOR RETEGUI, FROM SENTOU. ‘CONCRETE’ WALLPAPER, £72 PER 10M ROLL, BY COLE & SONS. FOR STOCKISTS, SEE PAGE 160.