



The final figures for 2023, produced by the FederlegnoArredo study centre, show a 7.8% contraction in the supply chain compared to 2022. The Italian market is worth EUR 32.8 billion and exports almost EUR 20 billion. Exports, which account for 53% of the total, reach EUR 15 billion, while the Italian market, at EUR 13 billion, registers a decline of -3.7%. The trade balance was positive at almost 10 billion euros. This is undoubtedly a strategic sector for our country's economy, and Milan Design Week 2024, with its focus on sustainability, creativity and wonder, is its flagship. The synergy between the creative minds of national and international designers has given rise to new interpretations of living spaces, which have been particularly appreciated by the tens of thousands of people who have filled the streets of the Lombard metropolis to take part in the 1125 events of *FuoriSalone*. ▶

> Espen Øino ha disegnato il divano per esterni *Elianto* per Paola Lenti. Sotto, la *Collezione Bel Mondo* di Bellotti Ezio.

Espen Øino designed the Elianto outdoor sofa for Paola Lenti. Below, the Bel Mondo collection by Bellotti Ezio.

