

# Cassina

## Cassina announces design project with CALVIN KLEIN

The limited edition *Feltri* armchairs are presented  
at Design Miami/Basel in Switzerland in a special installation curated by  
Calvin Klein, Inc.'s Chief Creative Officer, Raf Simons.

### Vintage quilts for 100 unique *Feltri* armchairs.

The *Feltri* armchair, designed by Gaetano Pesce for Cassina in 1987, has been upholstered with one-of-a-kind Amish American quilts that date to the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries for a collection of 100 unique pieces. Selected by Raf Simons for CALVIN KLEIN, these heirloom quilts are emblematic of both American heritage and a homespun, handcrafted ethos of days gone by.

### An established collectors' item part of a large-scale installation.

The *Feltri* armchair, an ironic take on the royal throne, has always represented a melding of art and functionality and over the years the piece has become an established icon and a mainstay of modern art and contemporary design collectables.

The limited-edition armchairs numbered 1-50 are part of a large-scale installation by CALVIN KLEIN at Design Miami/ Basel in June 2018. These pieces are available for purchase at the Fair while the remaining 50-100 will be made available for purchase through Cassina at a later date.

### Industrial experimentation and the desire to explore materials.

As a youth Gaetano Pesce spent a lot of his time at the Cassina Research & Development Centre. Many innovations emerged from this hive of experimentation, including the *Feltri* armchair made entirely from thick wool felt.

Created using a patented production technique, the armchair's backrest is soft and enveloping while its lower part, infused with thermosetting resin, is firm and durable.

The *Feltri* armchair is still today a symbol of cutting edge design.

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Limited edition *Feltri* by Gaetano Pesce for Cassina with vintage quilts selected by Raf Simons for CALVIN KLEIN  
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