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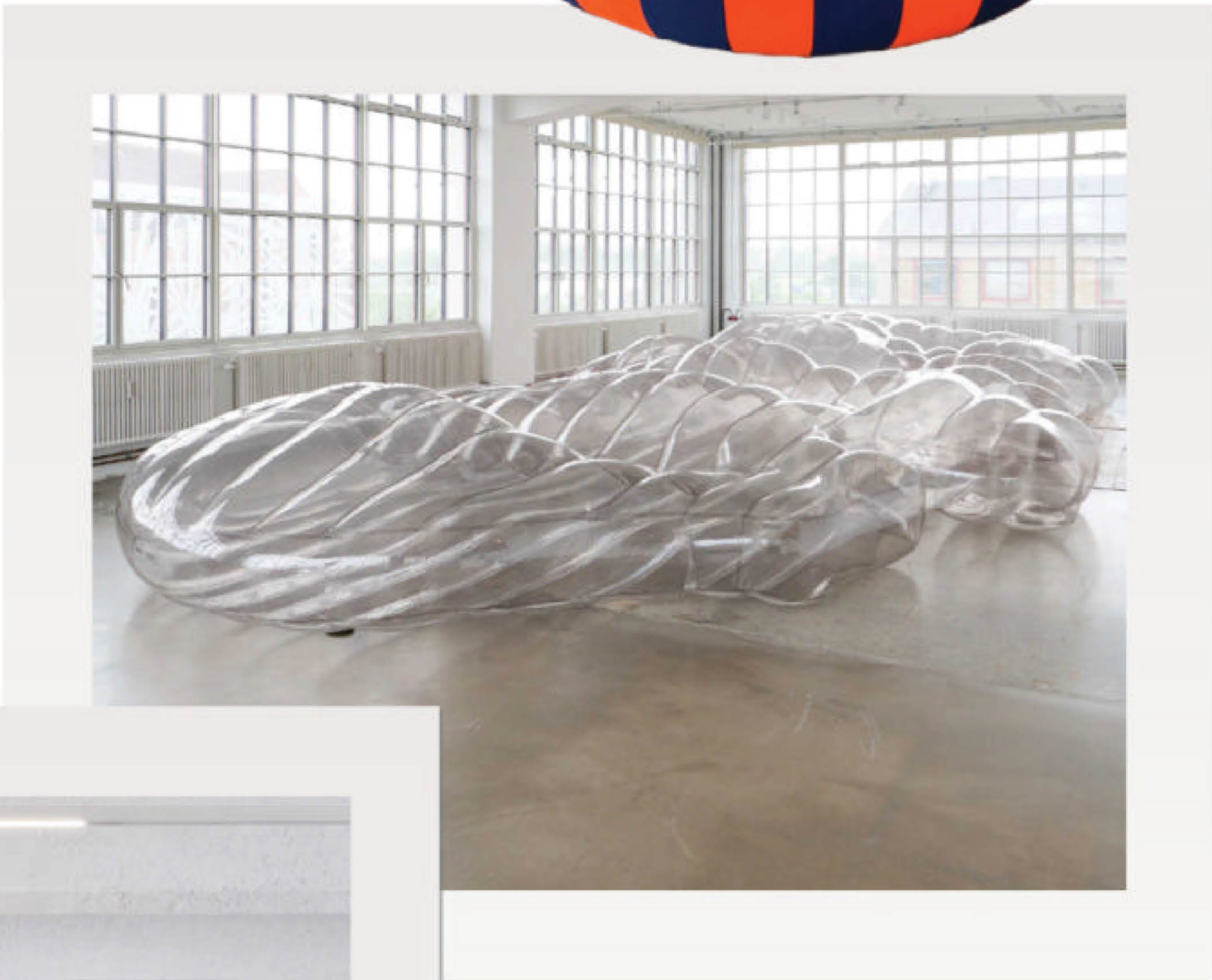
PREDICTIONS FROM THE YEAR'S
BIGGEST DESIGN EVENTS





Blow-up design

The 1990s are calling, and the decade wants its bubble chair back. Once associated with novelty and children's interiors, air-filled design is experiencing a revival. Production designer Jabez Bartlett's 'Inflatable Table' series, with its cushioned PVC base and pearly, translucent resin tops, got lots of airtime this year, as it popped up at Milan and Copenhagen's respective design festivals. Meanwhile, Ikea launched its first inflatable chair since 1997, complete with a foot pump and a metal frame that anchors it in place. Furniture is not the only corner of the interiors world blowing up, though. International brands, including Moncler and Nike, have turned to inflatables for installations, injecting a sense of play into exhibition spaces and stores.



Inset from top Naked Space, Nike and Vasto Gallery reimagined the cushioned sole of Nike's 'Air Liquid Max' trainers as a pneumatic installation at Other Circle in Copenhagen; fashion brand Moncler's signature puffy garments were the inspiration behind its larger-than-life puffy octopus at 10 Corso Como in Milan
1 'Bienvenue' inflatable bed by Thélonious Goupil, approx £605, Campeggi (campeggidesign.it)
2 'Float' pouf by Studio About, £309, Westwing (westwing.co.uk)
3 'PS 2026 Easy Chair' by Mikael Axelsson, £129, Ikea (ikea.com)
4 'Bubble' stool, approx £685, Studio Ololoo (studioololoo.com)
5 'Table 002', £5,700, Jabez Bartlett (@jabezbartlett)
6 'Cloud Chair', approx £35, Minnidip (minnidip.com)