



HOME COMFORTS Little luxuries to make you feel wonderful We've always admired Italian brand Kartell's genius when it comes to plastic furniture. Now, it's branched out into new territory with its 'Kartell Fragrances' collection, which includes candles, room sprays, reed diffusers and high-tech electronic diffusers, all in striking vessels created by veteran Kartell designer Ferruccio Laviani. There are eight seemts to choose from, all composed by a team of international perfumers. Standout designs include the 'Oyster' candle, whose smooth form is inspired by Japanese bento boxes, and the swirly 'Vogue' electronic scent sphere (pictured below), which can diffuse perfume over an area of 25 square metres. From £45 for a candle (Kartell.com).

TOWELLING GLORY

On a recent trip to the Far East, we discovered
Singapore-based brand Ploh's superlative bath robes.
Made from white chenille microfibre, they are
unbelievably soft and fluffy – put one on and it's
like being wrapped up in a cloud. Happily, they
can be shipped internationally, which means
everyone can enjoy what might be the world's
best dressing gown. From £113 (ploh.com).



ROASTING REVIVAL

This retro coffee packaging by Alma de Cuba will brighten up any morning – and the contents aren't bad, either, The brand's aim is to revive the Cuban coffee industry. which until the 1950s was one of the biggest in the world, by investing in local farmers, plant nurseries and the vets who support the mules that transport the beans from mountain plantations. It's an ethically sound caffeine hit. From £9.50, Harvey Nichols (harvevnichols.com).



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We're used to visiting London's School of Life for talks by renowned wordsmiths; now we'll be going there for a different kind of sustenance, thanks to its new 'Philosophical Honey' range. Each one is inspired by a great Greek thinker. 'Plato of Athens' honey is scented with thyme, 'Zeno of Cyprus' is made by bees that feed on wild lavender, and 'Epicurus of Samos' is redolent of wild flowers. £25 for a set of three (theschooloflife.com).

THE ANOINTED ONES

Mauli's beautifully presented bath and skincare products deliver delicate, Indian-inspired scents. Named after a sacred red thread used in Indian blessing rituals, the brand is run by husband-and-wife team Anita and Bittu Khaushal, whose all-natural recipes are based on the expertise of Bittu's father, an Ayurvedic doctor. We love the 'Sacred Himalayan Healing' bath salts, £39, which are blended with therapeutic oils such as patchouli, and the 'Sacred Union' scent and dry oil, £64, which is ideal for refreshing your skin after bathing. Plus, £1 from every purchase goes to children's charities (maulirituals.com).

