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**Muller Van Severen's monograph launch, anniversary exhibition,
and limited-edition candleholders at Milan Design Week 2026**



Barcelona, March 19, 2026—Apartamento is proud to present ***Silhouettes: Celebrating 15 Years***, an **exhibition** comprised of **15 life-size candleholders** emerging from the design studio Muller Van Severen, each a formal self-reflection on their recurrent imagery, alongside ***A Lot of Work***, a new monograph dedicated to their **15-year-span oeuvre** and the first to present Fien Muller and Hannes Van Severen both together and as individuals. Accompanying them is a **limited series of candleholders**, all extensions of the exhibition, developed **in collaboration with BD Barcelona**. The artworks are courtesy of Tim Van Laere Gallery.

Founded in 2011 by **Fien Muller** and **Hannes Van Severen**, Muller Van Severen works between sculpture and function, creating objects that engage with space, material, and everyday use. Following years of friendship and collaboration with both Apartamento and BD Barcelona, this moment **brings together publication, exhibition, and object into a constellation celebrating 15 years of shared practice.**

Together, these projects **'feel less like a retrospective and more like a pause'**, writes Hannes Van Severen in the opening text of *A Lot of Work*—**'A breath'**. Edited by Nicolás Barreto and Nacho Alegre, the book traces their work across 15 years, revealing both the sensibilities of their individual trajectories and their singular universe.

Expanding on their body of work, the exhibition ***Silhouettes: Celebrating 15 Years*** presents **15 unique, life-sized aluminium candleholders** during Salone del Mobile 2026. Each form is an abstract reinterpretation of recurring **motifs from Muller Van Severen's oeuvre**, alongside forms that emerged **in the earlier individual practices of Fien Muller and Hannes Van Severen**: chairs, cabinets, lamps, vases, and sculptural structures. The **exhibition** will be on view from **April 20 to 26, 2026, from 10am to 8pm, at Ordet, Via Filippino Lippi 4, Milan.**

Alongside the exhibition and publication, ***Silhouettes, a home-oriented series of candleholders***, produced in **100 percent raw aluminium** in collaboration with BD Barcelona, will be presented and launched. Modelled on the forms of the exhibition and comprising **four distinct silhouettes**, the collection will be available for purchase as an **exclusive first look during Salone del Mobile.**

Within the same exhibition space, Apartamento will also host its annual **Apartamento Bookshop throughout the week**, open from **10am to 8pm**, featuring a curated selection of titles. On **Sunday, April 19, a press preview will run from 10am to 8pm.** The following evening, **Monday, April 20**, we will host the **exhibition opening party**, with a **book launch and signing** at Ordet from **5 to 7pm, drinks from 7pm until close.**

A Lot of Work

Presale date: March 25, 2026

Global Release date: April 14, 2026

224 pages

297 mm × 210 mm

ISBN: 978-84-09-83344-3

Silhouettes Candleholders

Global Release date: Week of April 20, 2026

100% raw aluminium

Radius:

10.8 x 3.5 x h.14 cm

Rectangular:

8 x 3.5 x h.14.7 cm

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18 x 3.5 x h.11.6 cm

Triangular:

16.6 x 3.5 x h.7 cm

About Apartamento

Apartamento was founded in Barcelona in 2008. Its namesake magazine, published twice yearly and widely considered one of the most influential interiors publications of the past two decades, is rooted in how people actually live: the spaces they inhabit, the food they cook, the work they make, and the conviction with which they build their lives. Known for its unfiltered, human approach, each issue brings long-form conversations with artists, writers, designers, and thinkers across disciplines, accompanied by photography that unsettles conventional categories. The values of the magazine extend beyond print. Through events, collaborations, exhibitions, design objects, and a growing body of short and documentary films, Apartamento builds community in real spaces around the world.

Since 2015, Apartamento has published books across a range of formats: monographs, cookbooks, photobooks, architecture series, artist books, and even a graphic novel. The publishing programme extends the editorial curiosity of the magazine into longer, more sustained forms, spanning art, design, architecture, food, and visual culture.

About Muller Van Severen

Founded in 2011 by Belgian artists Fien Muller and Hannes Van Severen, Muller Van Severen emerged from years of individual practices as visual artists and a shared desire to rethink the everyday. Their collaboration began with the design of functional objects and evolved into a distinct language shaped by sculpture, architecture and use, independent of trends or external expectations.

Their furniture exists as drawings in space: fine lines, transparency and openness allow both the surrounding architecture and the objects within to remain visible. Rather than occupying or enclosing, each piece frames and activates its environment. Their work moves between opposites: presence and absence, strength and fragility, control and spontaneity. Reduced to its essentials yet never neutral, each

design carries a quiet tension, balancing sharp and soft gestures. Instead of imposing itself, it enters into dialogue with its environment while maintaining a clear and recognisable identity. Function is fundamental to their practice, and every formal decision serves use. Solid, timeless materials are applied in their purest form and combined in unexpected ways. Colour plays a central role, treated as material rather than ornament, shaping rhythm, contrast and spatial perception. Through an intuitive and ongoing dialogue, Muller Van Severen has established a singular and internationally recognised voice within contemporary design.

About BD Barcelona

BD is a furniture design company from Barcelona, composed of architects, publishers, and designers unbound by conventional market rules. Since 1972, it has been fostering progress and generating awareness about the potential of design, expressing the diversity of the world and its values.

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