

Baccarat

JEUX DE CRISTAL

Baccarat and Marcel Wanders on top of their game

"Our wonderful relationship with Baccarat continues. Their history of crafting crystal with the highest standards inspired us to create this collection that makes an evening of games an event to remember," said Marcel Wanders.

"By designing the elements of storied games with crystal and marble, we've elevated the importance of holding on to and sharing centuries old cultural traditions through luxurious modernity," added Gabriele Chiave, Creative Director, Studio Marcel Wanders.

Live with passion, have fun. Being together and enjoying precious time with friends. With his imaginative style, light-hearted universe and joy of living, Marcel Wanders has transformed Baccarat into a playground of glamour. The game sets - chess, go, dominoes, checkers and backgammon - show a new precious look. In premium marble, with gilded inlays, golden red and deep black, the celebrated design studio rolls out a series of games worth of the red carpet. The legendary crystal pampille is transformed into a superb pawn adorned with the royal fleur de lys motif, a nod to the royal game of Ur, which appeared in Mesopotamia in the year 2600 BC. With sophistication and style, Marcel Wanders magically plays with codes to give objects true meaning. A subtle balance struck between heritage and modernity, in the image of Baccarat, to offer all players a unique experience, a promise of great excitement.

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CHESS SET

*"He doesn't play chess for fun, it's the celebration of a cult."
Vladimir Nabokov*

Madame de Sévigné was hooked on the game. Marcel Duchamp said it was like a drug. Adored by the finest strategists, the game of chess it's fascinating, shrouded in an aura unlike any other. It has long been a source of inspiration for the greatest of artists, including Matisse, Man Ray, Arman and Dali. Translated into crystal by Marcel Wanders for Baccarat, the king of games and the game of kings is transformed into a genuine collector's item. The battlefield unfolds on a chessboard in black and white inlaid marble. The pieces - rounded, uncomplicated and organic - take the shape of a drop of crystal that catches every reflection of light. Marcel Wanders has restyled each piece with humor and artistry, from the mane of the knight's steed to the bishop's miter and the hem of his gown. Topped with a magnificent crown, the King and Queen are a tribute to Baccarat golden red. And as a final fanciful touch, the Queen doubles up as a stem vase in which to slip a single rose at the end of each game.

Checkmate!

*Numbered edition - 16 pawns in clear crystal, 16 pawns in black crystal.
Chessboard in black and white inlaid marble bearing the signatures of Baccarat and Marcel Wanders. Each set is numbered beneath the clear crystal king.
Each pawn is engraved with the "B" of Baccarat.*

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GO SET

"The rules of go are so elegant, organic and rigorously logical that if intelligent life forms exist elsewhere in the universe, they almost certainly play go."
Edward Lasker

The game of Go originated in China round about the second millennium BC. Legend has it that Emperor Yao (2324-2206 BC) invented the game to educate his son. Synonymous with beauty and serenity, and considered a sacred art in China, Go is a game for 2 players and the aim is to win the greatest possible number of territories.

Numbered edition - Goban (board) in inlaid marble with a 19x19 gold-lined grid bearing the "Baccarat" and "Marcel Wanders" signatures, 9 "hoshi" star points marked by a red tassel, 181 dark crystal stones and 180 clear crystal stones. Game cups in marble and lid in red crystal.

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DOMINOES

The art of the double six! It's one of the world's best-known games. It has been said that the oldest set of dominoes was found in the tomb of Tutankhamen. Usually made from wood, mother of pearl or animal bones, the pieces assume a whole new dimension when crafted in crystal.

Numbered edition - Game box made from inlaid marble topped with a red crystal tassel - 28 pieces in gilded black crystal.

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CHECKERS SET

The game of checkers emerged in the Middle Ages and is thought to be derived from the game of 12-piece alquerque played on a chessboard. By today's rules, 2 players set out to capture the pieces of his or her opponent until no more moves are possible.

Numbered edition - Chessboard in inlaid marble and red felt with 100 squares - 20 clear crystal draughts, 20 dark crystal draughts and 1 red crystal draught.

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BACKGAMMON

The origins of Backgammon are thought to date back 5,000 years to Mesopotamia. The aim of the game is to “bear off” or move all your pieces off the board before your opponent. Breaking, attacking, blocking or trapping, the rules are simple but winning the game calls for real strategy.

Numbered edition - Board in inlaid marble and red felt. 4 red crystal dice and 1 doubling cube in clear crystal - 15 pieces in clear crystal, 15 pieces in dark crystal.

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