

Wallpaper*

APRIL 2007

*INTERNATIONAL DESIGN INTERIORS LIFESTYLE

UK £4.00
US \$8.90
AUSTRALIA \$ 9.99
CANADA \$ 11.50
DENMARK DKK 75.00
FRANCE € 7.90
GERMANY € 9.75
HOLLAND € 7.90
ITALY € 8.70
NORWAY NOK 79.00
SOUTH AFRICA RAND 69.95
SPAIN € 7.90
SWEDEN SEK 69.00
SWITZERLAND CHF 16.00

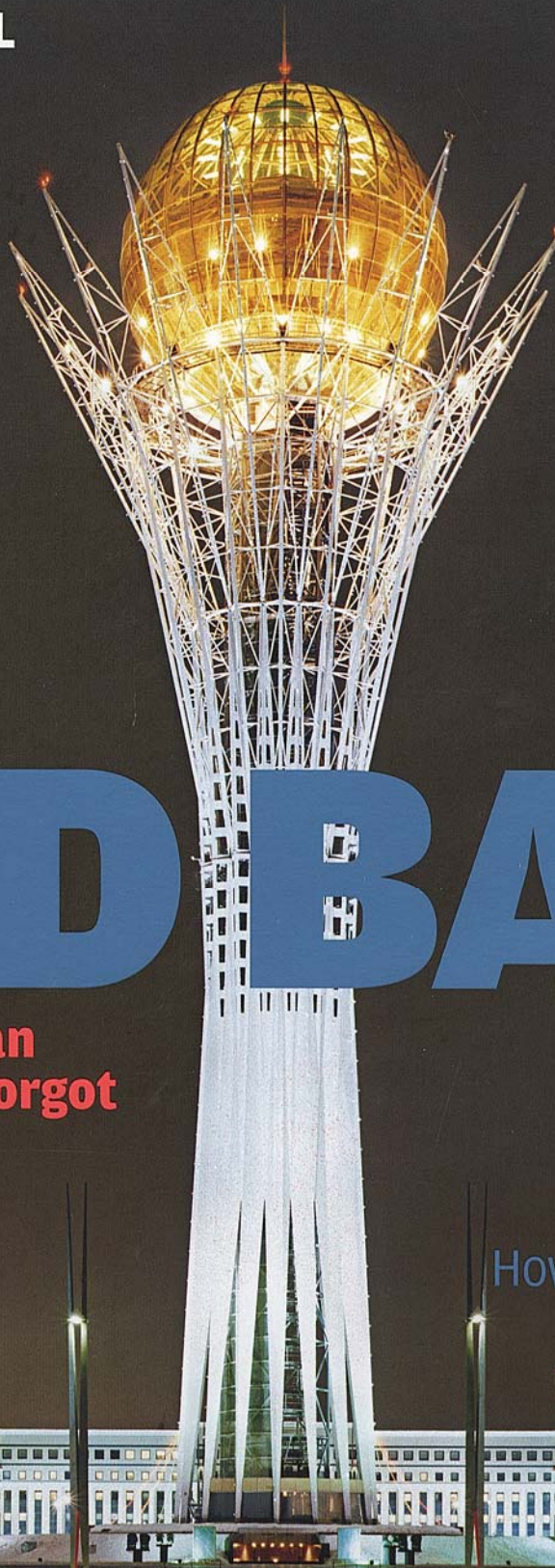
INTERIORS SPECIAL

Sheet happens

We go undercover

Art house

At home with the
Habsburgs



ODD BALL

**The new Kazakhstan
capital that taste forgot**

Safe as houses
How to be chic & secure

**Meet the
mock-modernists**

www.wallpaper.com



9 771364 447053

04 >



03

AZZEDINE ALAÏA

Paris, France

He was a star in the 1980s and is a veritable cult hero now, but can Tunisian-born designer Azzedine Alaïa be considered the Walt Disney of fashion? His Paris headquarters does feel like a miniature theme park. Among its attractions are the main shop; a showroom (occasionally used as a gallery); Alaïa's spacious atelier; his private residence; and a very chic three-room boutique hotel furnished with vintage pieces from the designer's personal collection, including items by Jean Prouvé and Marc Newson. The latest addition is a circular shoe shop designed by Newson with architect Sébastien Segers. The pair recently collaborated on another retail

project, a Tokyo boutique for French jewellery designer Marie-Hélène de Taillac. At only 23 sq m, you could easily call the Paris store a shrine. Covered in pale Carrara marble, the shop evokes contemplation. As it probably should: shoe buying is a serious business. The shoes are presented in small alcoves lined with pale leather, like museum pieces or jewels. Café au lait-coloured leather cushions cover a bench that sits around a distinctly palatial central column, softening the marble's austere effect and making the space look supremely elegant. **Jesse Brouns** *Azzedine Alaïa, 4 rue de Moussy, Paris 4e, tel: 33.1 42 72 19 19* »