

## Maarten De Ceulaer

"I can't just design something for no reason," Maarten De Ceulaer said. Instead, the Brussels-based 25-year-old graduate of the Design Academy Eindhoven looks for "a simple, strong, basic concept." His Leather Collection, designed for Nina Yashar's Nilufar Gallery, explores the dynamism of the modern nomadic lifestyle. Suitcase-like storage components — each one tailored to the kind of clothing it's meant to contain and evocative of luxurious travel accessories by companies like Hermès and Louis Vuitton — can be reconfigured and transported from room to room. "I have a big wardrobe in my house," De Ceulaer explained, "and it's too big to move. I wanted something more flexible." De Ceulaer, who often works at home, is currently looking for someone to make his Nomad Light Molecule, an electrified "mother" light with detachable, battery-powered "children." He added, "I try to find the right people to make the designs. That's how I learn the most as a designer."

