Achille Salvagni debuts new Murano glassware at PAD Monaco

Inspired by the ocean in fluid form, the vases-cum-candleholders are part of a showcase of covetable, collectable design.
Achille Salvagni’s glamorous otherworldly aesthetic is being showcased at the inaugural PAD Monaco fair, which is in residence at the Grimaldi Forum until Sunday April 28. The Italian designer is presenting a new collection of hand-blown Murano glassware – a series of vase-cum-candleholders – named after the deities of ocean and sea: Poseidone, Oceano and Tritone (each in an edition of 20, €4,560). The fluid, organic forms glow in jewelled colours and are crowned with gold-enamelled cast-bronze flame-shaped finials.
Salvagni is also showing his bronze-topped Silk cabinet (edition of six, €108,000) – its undulating blue lacquered parchment surface adding another nautical note to the ensemble, while sinuous form flows from the Alcyone sofa (edition of 20, €66,000) to the Vittoria armchair (edition of 40, €26,400), upholstered in velvet with lacquered wood and brass details.
Bronze and onyx Thor light, €43,200 | Image: Courtesy of Kaidi-Katariin Knox
2013 Vittoria armchair, upholstered in velvet with lacquered wood and brass details, €26,400
Sculptural lighting is a Salvagni calling card, and a number of inventive creations are on display. Venezia (edition of 20, €26,400), a backlit, hand-carved, block-shaped onyx sconce recalls the beauty of a faded Venetian wall, yet incorporates the latest LED technology, while the Thor (edition of 10, €43,200) stands almost tip-toe-like on three burnished cast-bronze legs topped by onyx shades. The iconic Spider Jewel (2015, edition of 20, €93,600) in 24ct-gold-plated and
burnished bronze and onyx is also on view. But those visiting the show will, no doubt, have their imaginations drawn back to the sea – as the shape of the designer’s parchment-lined Circeo screen (edition of three, €90,000) brings to mind the sails of yachts as seen from shore.

2016 parchment-lined Circeo screen with bronze hinges, €90,000