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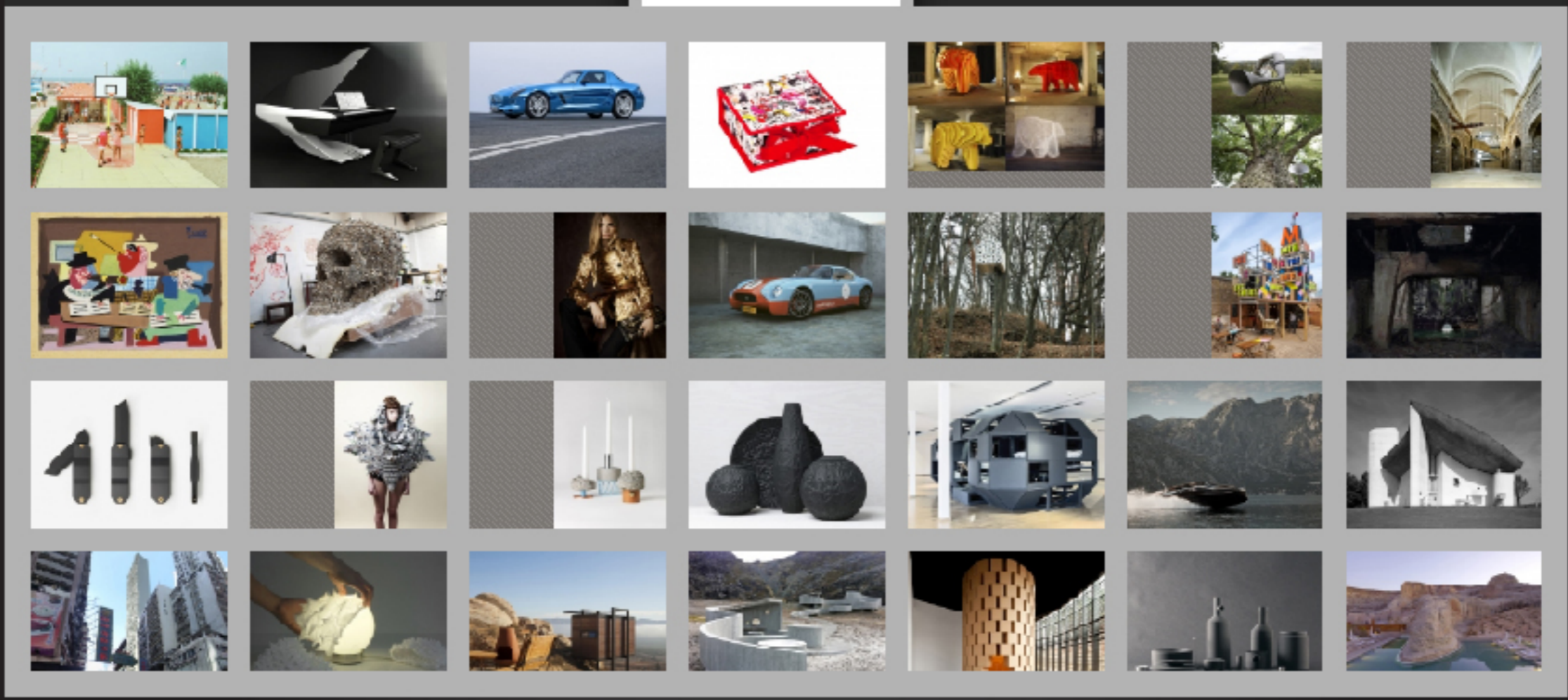
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'Higo' tools, by Kasper Hamilton, for Zai

London-based luxury designer Kasper Hamilton has created a collection of tools for Swiss ski company Zai influenced by the traditional Japanese higonokami. Native to Japan, higonokami is a folding pocket knife, un-modified since its creation in the late 19th century. Hamilton's 'Higo' tools follow the same ideology as the higonokami; keeping their function specifically single-purpose. The unibody encasing is made from anodized aluminium, and the tools bits and blades from steel; with an efficient design that can easily be opened, locked automatically with a magnet mechanism, and closed with one hand, providing ultimate practicality in challenging mountain conditions. The name of each tool is a reference, when placed together, to the coordinates of the home of Zai in Disentis, Switzerland, 46° 42' 0" N, 8° 52' 0" E.

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