

PHENOMENA LANTERN SOAP SHIBARI TIED-UP ROMANCE TIM DISC

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Bomma Lighting at the Czech Embassy in Berlin

For several years, Bomma focused on developing glass in collaboration with leading Czech and international designers. Among others, these include the Olgoj Chorchoj Studio, Maxim Velčovský, Jakub Berdych, Rony Plesl and Arik Levy. We are now witnessing a new shift in the company's production.

Lighting design and production is inherently tied to the Czech glassmaking craft. Since the 19th century, Czech glassmakers produced monumental glass chandeliers for worldwide markets. With respect to this heritage, Bomma now introduces its own comprehensive collection of impressive glass lighting.

Approaching this catalog as homage to the continuity of monumental Czech glass and design, the photographs were produced within the interiors of the Czech Embassy in Berlin. The Embassy, designed by Vladimír and Věra Machonin and built between 1970 and 1978, is a prime example of the Czech brutalist architectural style of the 1960's and 70's. It is one of the most striking public buildings of its time, approached as a complete work of art, blending architecture with design, craft and visual arts.

René Roubíček, Stanislav Libenský and Pavel Hlava were among the renowned glass artists who created lighting and glass sculptures for the building. Their immense contribution to the development of modern Czech glassmaking and lighting design now creates the basis as well as the background for Bomma's current production. This debut series is composed of seven collections by Czech designers. Among the contributors are Michal Froněk and Jan Němeček, the creative directors of Bomma from the Olgoj Chorchoj design studio, as well as Ota Svoboda, Bomma's head of product development. Still further works are the result of collaborations with independent designers, who include Eduard Herrmann, Kateřina Handlová, Jan Plecháč and Henry Wielgus, as well as Michaela Tomišková and Jakub Janďourek from the renowned Dechem design studio.

Their diverse approaches create a rich pallete of styles and techniques. From enormous glass bubbles blown without the use of wooden forms, to delicate crystal bound up in leather and strings, each design stretches the limits of the glassmaking craft. These styles reference geometric lighting fixtures, classic lamp shades transformed into cut crystal forms and inspirations from Chinese paper lanterns. The creative potential of designers, drawn to Bomma's cutting-edge technology and ancient craft, blended the best of both worlds.

These designs leave us wondering how the masters that created the Berlin Embassy might have utilized Bomma's state-of-the-art glassworks. Fortunately, contemporary designers have this opportunity and see it as a challenge. Enjoy the result and keep an eye on Bomma in the future, as we have much to look forward to.

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Dechem Studio



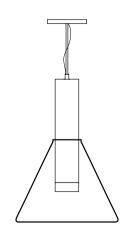
The Phenomena Collection was inspired by simple shapes: a circle, triangle, rectangle and oval. The term phenomenon comes from the Greek word for 'appearance'. The forms are what first attract you. In Plato's idealist philosophy, phenomena are transient and likenesses of the eternal, perfect and so not truly real. This definition seems fitting for a collection produced in a material that is so difficult, yet versatile, so strong, yet fragile as glass.

Phenomena

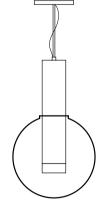


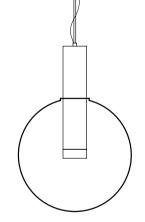


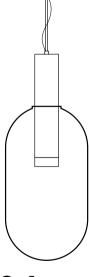












01

pendant smoke grey

↔ 550 mm ‡ 680 mm

02

pendant ferrari red

↔ 400 mm ‡ 650 mm



pendant flamingo pink

↔ 550 mm ‡ 800 mm

04

pendant mint green

↔ 400 mm ‡ 1000 mm

95121/1/00GRE/680 95122/1/00FER/650 95120/1/00FLM/800 95124/1/00MNT/1000

fitting silver gold

Lamp shades are hand-blown thus the intensity of colour and gradient may vary.





Wielgus & Plecháč



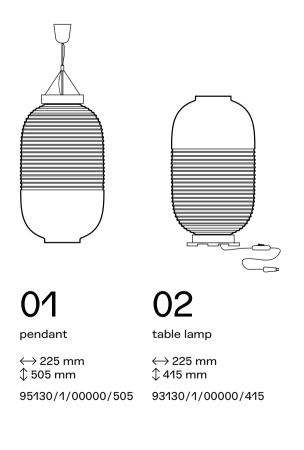
Combining an ancient shape with a strong focus on its material – crystal Lantern seems ephemeral. While almost not there, yet a strong piece of design, it is simultaneously traditional and contemporary.

Lantern









fitting

- powder coating whitepowder coating black





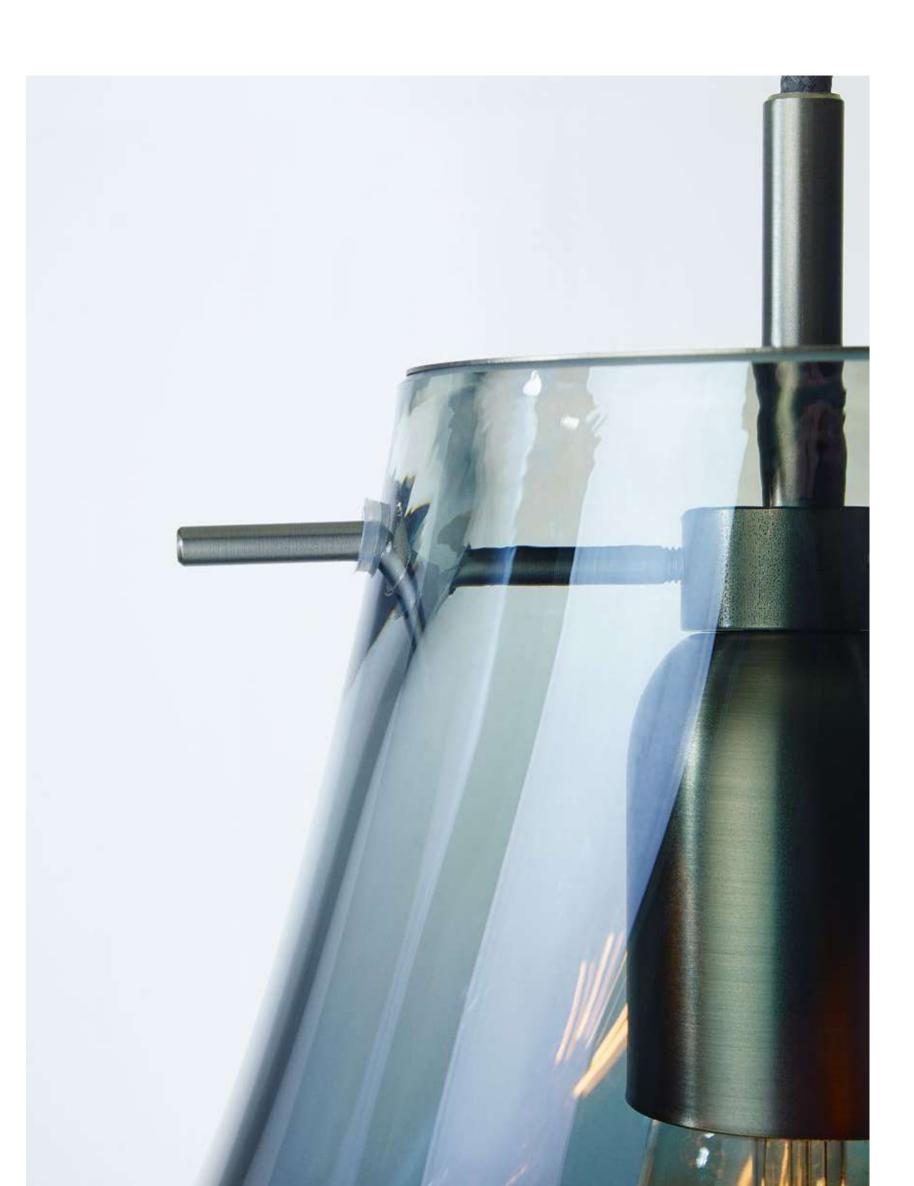




Varying colors, transparency and continuous changes of shape. These characteristic features of soap bubbles inspired this collection. Each piece is hand-blown and, as no moulds are used, each varies in its shape and color.

Soap

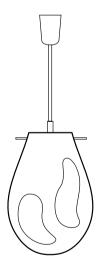














pendant large

↔ 190—290 mm \$ 290—390 mm 95107/1/00000/370

coating

- blue
- silvergold

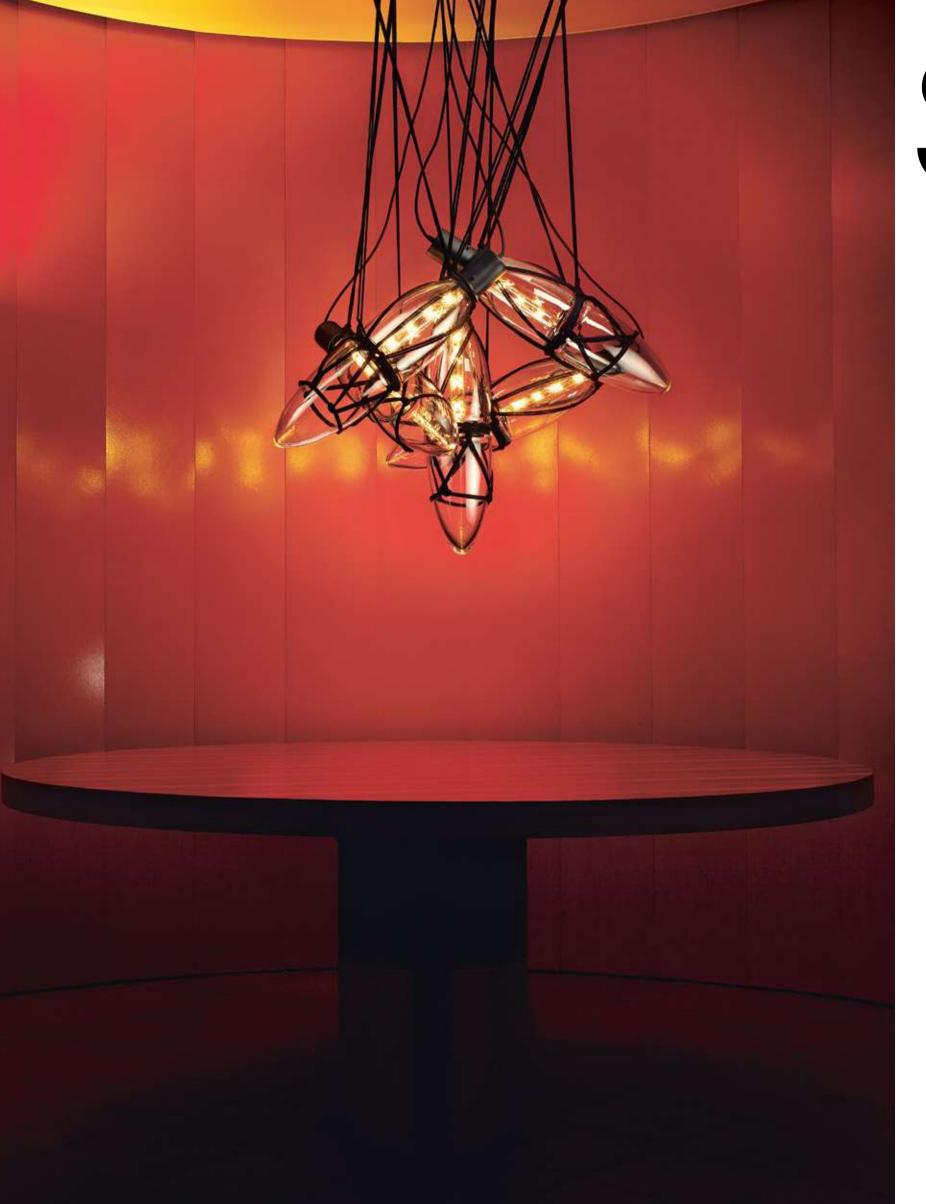
fitting

stainless steel

Lamp shades are hand-blown without a mould. Shape and colour vary for each product.

02 pendant small

↔ 140—240 mm \$ 190—290 mm 95107/1/00000/270





Kateřina Handlová



Shibari is more than a technique of tying up object with ropes. It represents a method of communication within a hidden system of lines and loops. The Japanese call it Kinbaku: the beauty of tight binding.



Shibari

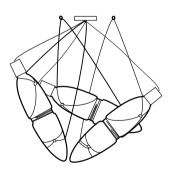






01 pendant

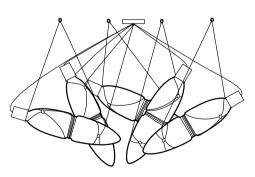
↔ 168 mm ‡ 700 mm 95134/0/00001/700



02

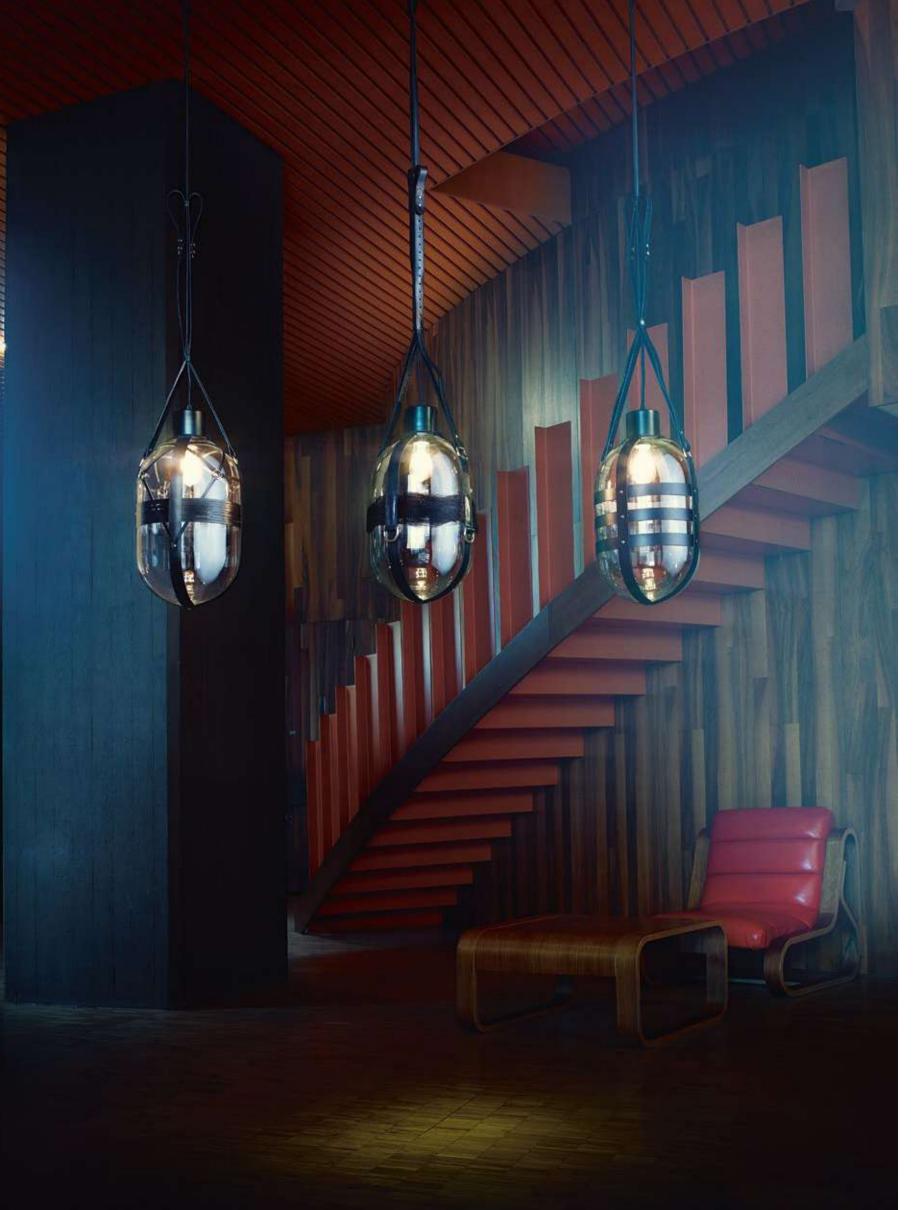
pendant

95134/1/00003/700



03 pendant 95134/1/00005/700

fitting powder coating black 1, 3 or 5 possition



TIED-UP ROMANCE

Kateřina Handlová



Tied-Up Romance

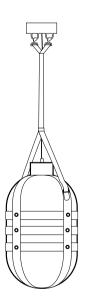
We work molten crystal glass into dramatic circumstances such as of the fragile and romantic nature of the material. The beauty of contradiction – tied-up romance.











01 pendant type A

↔ 250 mm ‡ 480 mm



02 pendant type B

↔ 250 mm ‡ 480 mm 95133/1/0000A/480 95133/1/0000B/480 95133/1/0000C/480



03 pendant type C

↔ 250 mm ‡ 480 mm

fitting

powder coating black



Olgoj Chorchoj



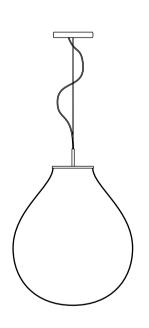
The giant TIM domes were originally created to house Tim Burton's animated movie characters in his Prague exhibition. The TIM lights followed this theme and became an instant success at Salone del Mobile 2015. They are entirely hand-blown, weighing up to 30 kg and measuring up to 750 mm – dimensions very few glassmakers in the world can achieve.



Tim





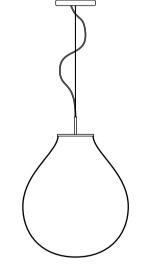


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pendant fitting nickel copper





pendant large

↔ 600—700 mm \$ 715—915 mm 95100/1/00000/700 02 pendant medium

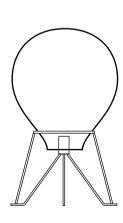
↔ 450—550 mm \$ 515—715 mm 95100/1/00000/550

floor lamp fitting

powder coating red powder coating white

• powder coating black • powder coating black





pendant small

↔ 300—400 mm ‡ 465—565 mm 95100/1/00000/450

03

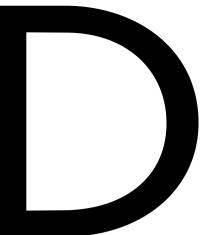
04 floor lamp

↔ 450—550 mm ‡ 760—960 mm

93100/1/00000/5500

Lamp shades are hand-blown without a mould. Shape vary for each product.







Olgoj Chorchoj



The DISC collection follows the idea of TIM pendant with its exceptionally big amount of mouth-blown crystal. However, this time the round shape is defined by a mold. With its minimalistic design, fine materials and details, it gives the impression of something elementary and close, at the same time something unknown, mysterious and unique. Combining crystal with metal, DISC resembles a real space lighting object.



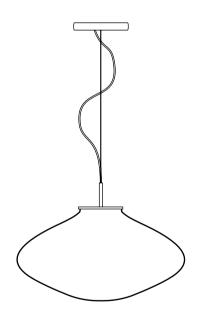
Disc











pendant

↔ 550 mm \$ 300 mm

95132/1/00000/550

shades

- metal coating
 clear crystal

fitting

nickel





Eduard Herrmann



Ignis

Ignis is an archetypal lamp containing a delightful modern spirit. Delicate cuts work as diffusers and create a unique play with light. Ignis means 'fire' in Latin – pure and elegant.









reddot award 2016 winner

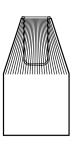






01 table lamp small

 \leftrightarrow 125 mm 125 mm



02 table lamp large

↔ 200 mm ‡ 365 mm



03 pendant small

 \leftrightarrow 125 mm 125 mm93004/1/03105/255 93004/1/03105/365 93007/1/03104/280



04 pendant large

 \leftrightarrow 200 mm \updownarrow 390 mm 93007/1/03104/390





Dechem Studio





Phenomena

The cut version of the Phenomena Collection combines the tradition of mouth-blown Czech cut crystal with a contemporary and smart approach to design. The precise geometric pattern is made with a sophisticated robotic technology developed in-house - the signature know-how of Bomma.

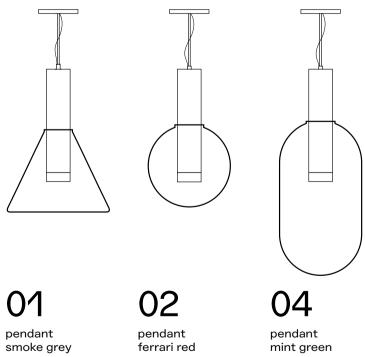




These pendants are also available in clear crystal finished with finely cut geometric patterns.







pendant ferrari red

↔ 400 mm ‡ 650 mm

95121/1/00GRE/680 95122/1/00FER/650 95124/1/00MNT/1000



Lamp shades are hand-blown thus the intensity of colour and gradient may vary.

↔ 400 mm ‡ 1000 mm

pendant smoke grey

↔ 550 mm ‡ 680 mm



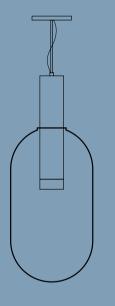
fitting

silver

gold

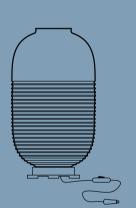
Dechem Studio

The DECHEM studio was established in Prague in 2012 by Michaela Tomišková and Jakub Jandourek. They first met at the Glass School Nový Bor, where each fell in love with the earliest synthesised material known to human history. While Michaela went on to study product design Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague and later worked for several acclaimed design studios, Jakub continued to hone his skills within the lighting industry, specialising in glass workmanship, technology, and manufacturing. Since establishing the DECHEM studio, they remain focused on product design, paying special attention to glass.



Wielgus & Plecháč

Jan Plecháč and Henry Wielgus met while studying at Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague. Jan went on to exhibit his thesis project at Milan's Salone Satellite 2011, gaining much attention within the industry. He was awarded the Elle Décor International Award and Discovery of the Year at the Czech Grand Design Awards. In 2012 Jan and Henry founded Studio Jan Plechac & Henry Wielgus. Their work transcends the barriers between art, architecture and design. Their clients include the Rossana Orlandi Gallery Milan, Mint Shop London, Luminaire, Lasvit, Cappellini and Menu.



Ota Svoboda

After completing studies at the Glass School in Nový Bor, Ota Svoboda became part of the design duo Born in Bor. In 2013 he joined Bohemia Machine. Extremely skilled and gifted, he soon became the head of product development and principal internal driver of new designs. He is deeply involved in the technological progress of every collection, combining a creative vision with glass craftsmanship and technological know-how.



Kateřina Handlová

Kateřina Hadlová is a graduate of Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague. She combines glass with varied materials such as leather, ropes and porcelain to create objects that mediate her personal experiences as well as her fascination with world of Haute Couture. Kateřina finds beauty in quality craftsmanship, which explains her passion for detail. She loves glass for its unique character, challenges and advantages. With her original artistic approach she is definitely one of the most gifted and remarkable young Czech glass designers.



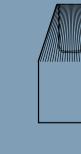


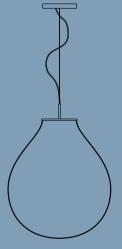
Olgoj Chorchoj

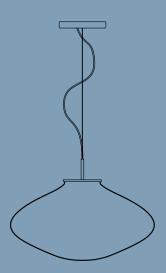
The Studio was founded in 1990 during the Vitra Design Museum workshop led by Denis Santachiara. At that time, Michal Froněk and Jan Němeček studied Architecture at Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague. Jan had a car and could drive them to the workshop in Switzerland, initiating what has become a 25-year collaboration. They focus on industrial design, interiors and the reconstruction of historical and industrial buildings. Professors Michal and Jan now head the Atelier of Design at Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague, inspiring and influencing the latest generation of Czech talent. They have become ambassadors of Czech design. Their works are represented at the Metropolitan Museum of Art New York, as well as collections among other prestigious galleries and museums.

Eduard Herrmann

Eduard Herrmann recently graduated at Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague, an Atelier led by members of the Olgoj Chorchoj Studio. He specifically applies new technologies into traditional materials, while maintaining his simple and elegant aesthetics. Eduard now works with former classmate Matěj Coufal in their studio, Herrmann & Coufal. Awarded the Red Dot among other recognitions, he is one to watch on the Czech design scene.







Bohemia Machine has been based in Světlá nad Sázavou since 1992, one of the traditional centers of Czech glassmaking. A leader in its field, the company designs and builds glass-cutting machines and other glassmaking technologies.

Bomma, Bohemia Machine's glassmaking division, was introduced in 2012 and built Europe's most modern production facility. It quickly became known for its precise cutting technology, exceptionally clear crystal, as well as oversized mouth-blown glass, retaining the highest quality. As a retail brand, Bomma focuses on contemporary design. Designers worldwide value its artisan craftsmanship and innovative technology, both of which are available to them in-house.

And this is just the beginning

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