

“L’Anello Mancante” by Michele De Lucchi: an installation in HI-MACS®, from December at MAXXI museum.

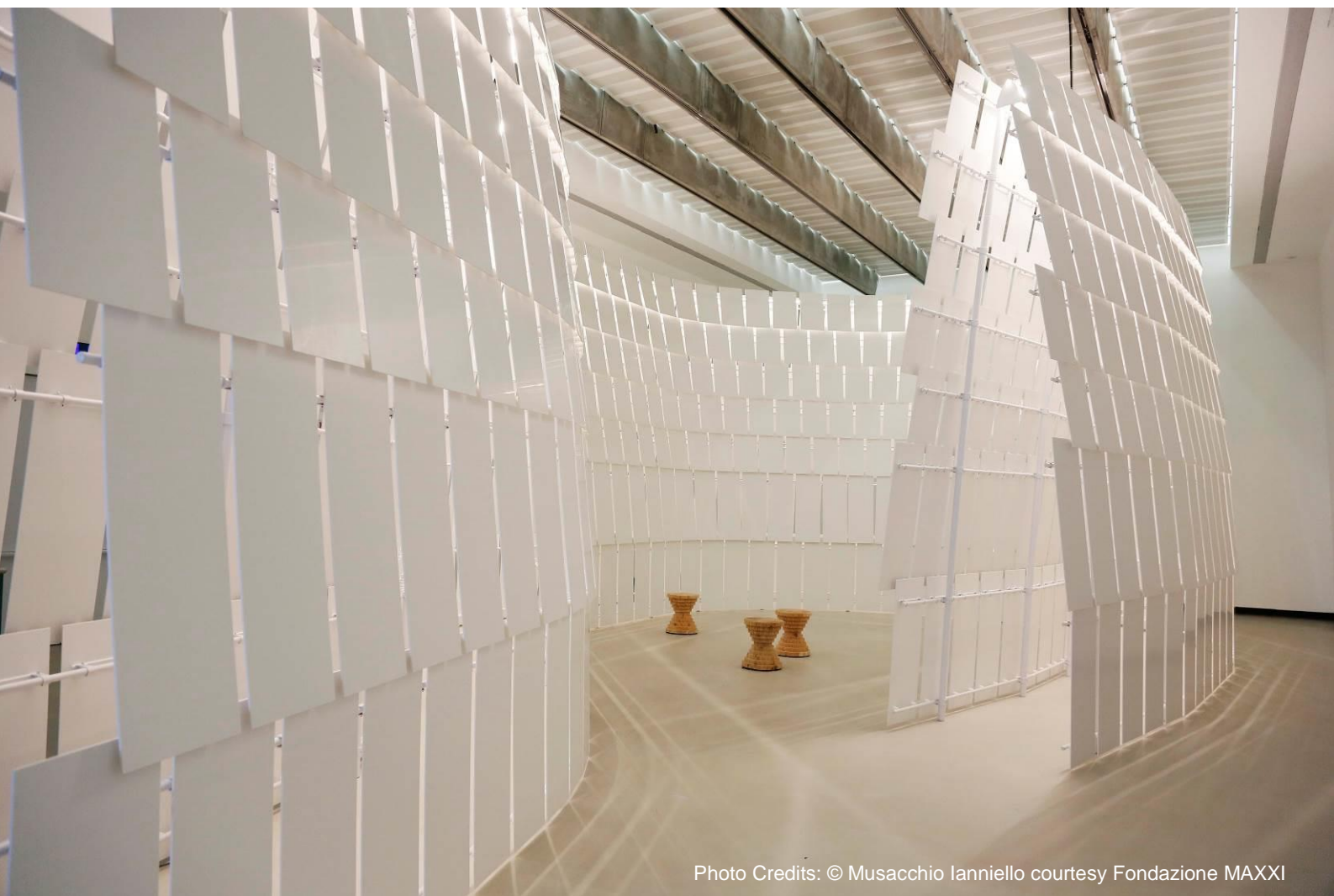


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Site-specific installation “L’anello Mancante” (“The Missing Link”), created by Michele De Lucchi using HI-MACS®, has opened on December 7th at the MAXXI museum in Rome.

The installation is part of the “NATURE” exhibition series being held in the museum's **Gian Ferrari Gallery**, which has previously invited designers to examine the subject of the relationship between nature and artifice. According to Michele De Lucchi, the latest artist to be invited to explore the topic: *“A missing link is the element that joins the isolated parts of a broken, open chain. We often need this today. More and more links are needed that will connect the manifold ramifications of social, political,*

economic, cultural, and even moral relationships. But we also need other links that will actually physically connect the ideas of fullness and emptiness, of closed space and open space, of container and content.”

The installation consists of a ring-shaped construction that is open, allowing one to walk around the inside. It is constructed from a tubular structure covered with a shell of over **800 shingles in HI-MACS® Alpine White** that are slightly apart from one another. A lighting system with LED strips is integrated into the structure and interacts with the various levels, emphasizing the volume and giving the whole structure an ethereal accent. The design creates a sensory journey to be experienced slowly, exploring both the space and the emotions themselves. One emerges slightly disoriented, but also more aware.

Choosing the materials proved to be fundamental for the execution of the project, especially the shingles. The choice of HI-MACS® was easy, as the solid surface is frequently used in architecture thanks to the fact that it is highly resistant to damage and easy to work, it is even possible to create a visually seamless finish. HI-MACS® has a completely non-porous surface, making it stain resistant and very easy to clean. This means it will be easy to maintain the structure over the coming months to ensure the aesthetic effect is preserved. There is also the fascinating interaction with the lights, which reflect on the surface, amplifying the sense of three-dimensionality.

L’Anello Mancante:

MAXXI National Museum of the 21st-Century Arts

From December 7, 2018 to March 3, 2019.

More information at www.maxxi.art



PROJECT DETAILS:

Name:

L'Anello Mancante

Location:

MAXXI, Rome

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Design:

Michele De Lucchi

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Material:

HI-MACS® Alpine White

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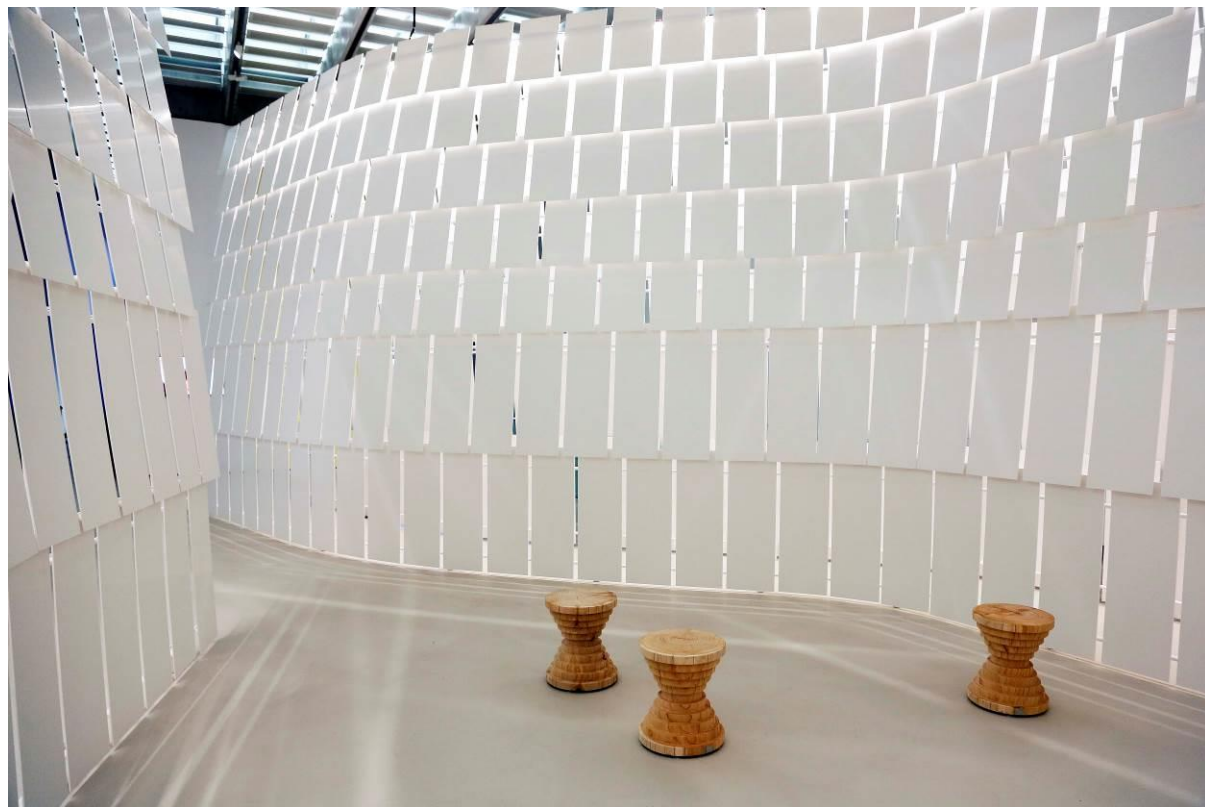
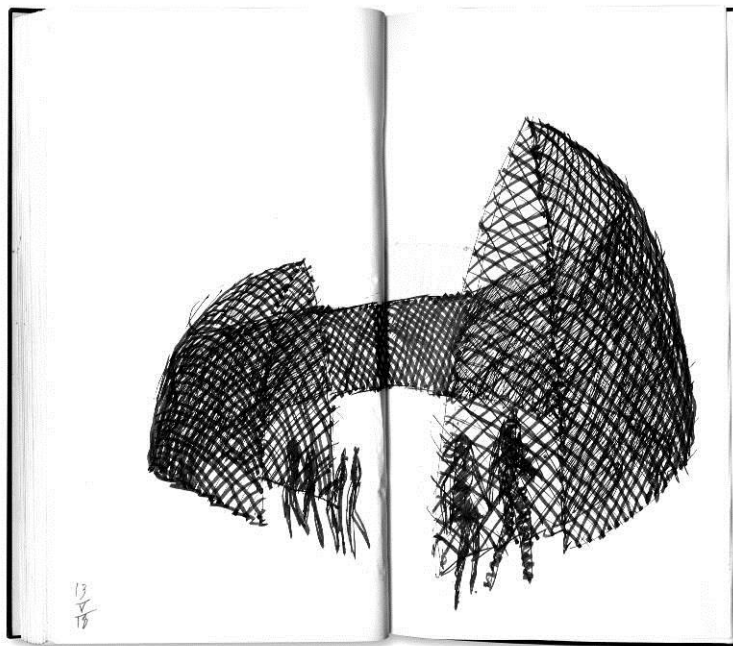
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