

Sablier, designed by Monica Armani for Zucchetti

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With Zucchetti's Sablier, the Monica Armani studio shapes AISI 316L steel with extraordinary delicacy, creating shapes that subtly evoke the hourglass from which the collection takes its name. “For us,” say Monica Armani and Luca Dallabetta, co-founders of the studio, “For us, it was imperative not only to craft precise and functional objects but also infuse them with a distinct character. The journey of creating Sablier was a fusion of magic and logic: drawing inspiration from our origins, recalling tactile and visual sensations from our memories, all while employing technical expertise and a fervent passion for the machinery that shapes materials. The outcome is a harmonious synthesis of nature and human innovation, evident across the collection, encapsulating our commitment to innovating with finesse while upholding a robust technological foundation.” In addition to the traditional brushed steel treatment, the designers experiment with a new surface finish using the sandblasting technique, presenting a matt-effect surface, which changes the aesthetics of the product by reflecting light differently.