



COSMEDIN ALUMINIUM

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MARBLE, ALUMINIUM

H 19.75" W 17" D 21.25" | H 50 W 43 D 54 CM

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Santa Maria in Cosmedin, central Rome is an 8th century Byzantine church famous for containing the Bocca della Verità whose legend dictates that if someone puts their hand inside the sculpture's mouth and lies, the mouth will close and bite off their hand, thus exposing the liar). Like many Byzantine churches, the beautiful Cosmatesque floor is composed of polychromed fragments of marble, one type of which is Breccia Stazzema as used for this table. The egg shaped base, often used to symbolise eternal life in religious iconography, acts as a counterweight to the cantilevered table-top. This cast aluminium top is formed from a clay impression taken directly from the mosaic floor itself to create a wholly contemporary functional sculpture steeped with historical references.

## ABOUT ACHILLE SALVAGNI

Achille Salvagni established his architectural practice, Salvagni Architetti, in 2002 and has subsequently become one of the most in demand designers working today. His multidisciplinary studio is engaged in creating exceptional residential and commercial properties, superyacht interiors and limited-edition furniture and lighting designs. In 2013, he established Achille Salvagni Atelier, a studio devoted to the research, development and production of his works which are created using the finest noble materials with unparalleled craftsmanship. In the same year his collection was introduced to the American market by leading design gallery Maison Gerard in New York City where his work continues to be shown. Salvagni further expanded his practice in 2015, with the opening of his flagship London Atelier in the heart of Mayfair on Grafton Street. Quickly outgrowing that space, the atelier moved down the street to a larger premises, this new gallery has been meticulously designed by Salvagni with three times the exhibition space, inviting guests to enter and dream alongside him.

Salvagni's work can be seen in international publications including The Financial Times' How to Spend It Magazine, Architectural Digest, Departures, Robb Report, Galerie, Wall Street Journal, Surface and Sotheby's. He has been recognized as one of Galerie Magazine's Creative Minds, included on ELLE Decor's A-list and featured as one of the 100 best designers of the year in the AD Collector's special design issue. Key works by Salvagni have achieved notable results at auction through Sotheby's and Piasa, and have been acquired by luminaries from the worlds of business, fashion, technology, art and music. The first monograph dedicated to his work was published by Rizzoli New York, written by leading design journalist, Pilar Viladas with a foreword by Benoist F. Drut, owner of Maison Gerard, gaining high praise in the international press for Salvagni's sophisticated approach and attention to detail. Current projects include a waterside villa in Miami, two Manhattan townhouses, an important contemporary mansion in Mumbai, a Baltic villa, yacht interiors for Oceanco, Rossinavi, Baglietto, Azimut Benetti and several residential projects in London.

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