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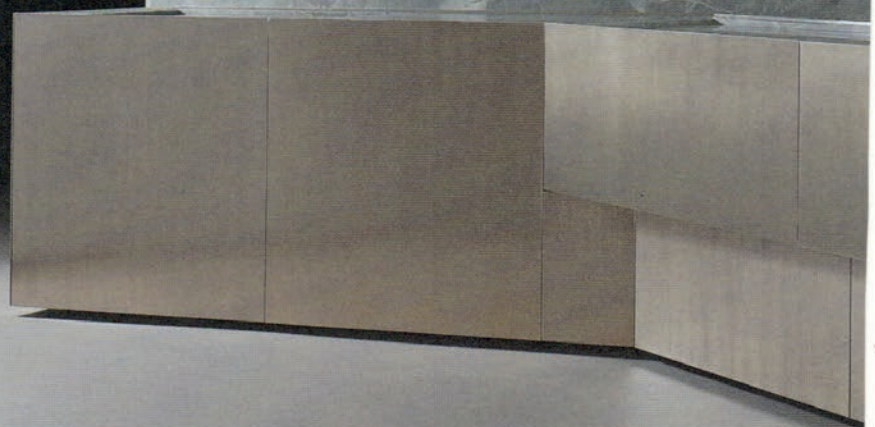
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Gold can sometimes lead a design down a somewhat ostentatious path, but when combined with super-minimalist styling, something rather special happens...





A new and imposing metallic monolith design from Minotticucine is the Maya kitchen. Designed by Alberto Minotti and crafted from 24k gold, the creation is the latest in the brand's 'age of metals' series, following on from the Terra kitchen in cast bronze, designed by Claudio Silvestrin.

Characterised by its cool shimmering finish, Maya utilises gold thanks to a galvanisation process unique to minotticucine, creating a precious metal finish in a minimal style. What started out in 2004 as a stone and lightly burnished aluminium kitchen has evolved into an iconic precious metal minimal design. Maya features clean lines and an elegant aesthetic, capturing what Minotticucine describes as its philosophy of 'visual silence' – the elimination of every unnecessary element that would otherwise disturb the linearity of the kitchen.



"The possibilities of stylistic intervention on a model characterised by such essential lines were extremely limited," said Alberto Minotti, Art Director of the Minotticucine group. "For this reason, we decided to focus on an innovation that exploited the latest technologies, combining a timeless kitchen project with today's innovative technological materials. Maya Oro was born from the desire to create a kitchen project that is only apparently simple, a model behind which research and innovation are hidden, but also art and culture, ingredients that have always been present in our production."

The 24k door features narrow widths, with optional alternating suspended plinths, ground and low bases. Doors open with a 7mm protrusion from the stone surface above without any handle or groove while a door width of 3mm runs all around the kitchen.

