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5 If Claudio Silvestrin is at the minimalist end of Italy's design spectrum, Colombo Stile, which has been making furniture since 1886, is at the other. Its latest offerings include this 17th-century-style console (from £46,609) and 18th-century-style centre table (from £50,013). Their bases are made of handcrafted wood and 24ct gold leaf, their tops of malachite. Ring 00 39 0362 3491, or visit colombostile.com.