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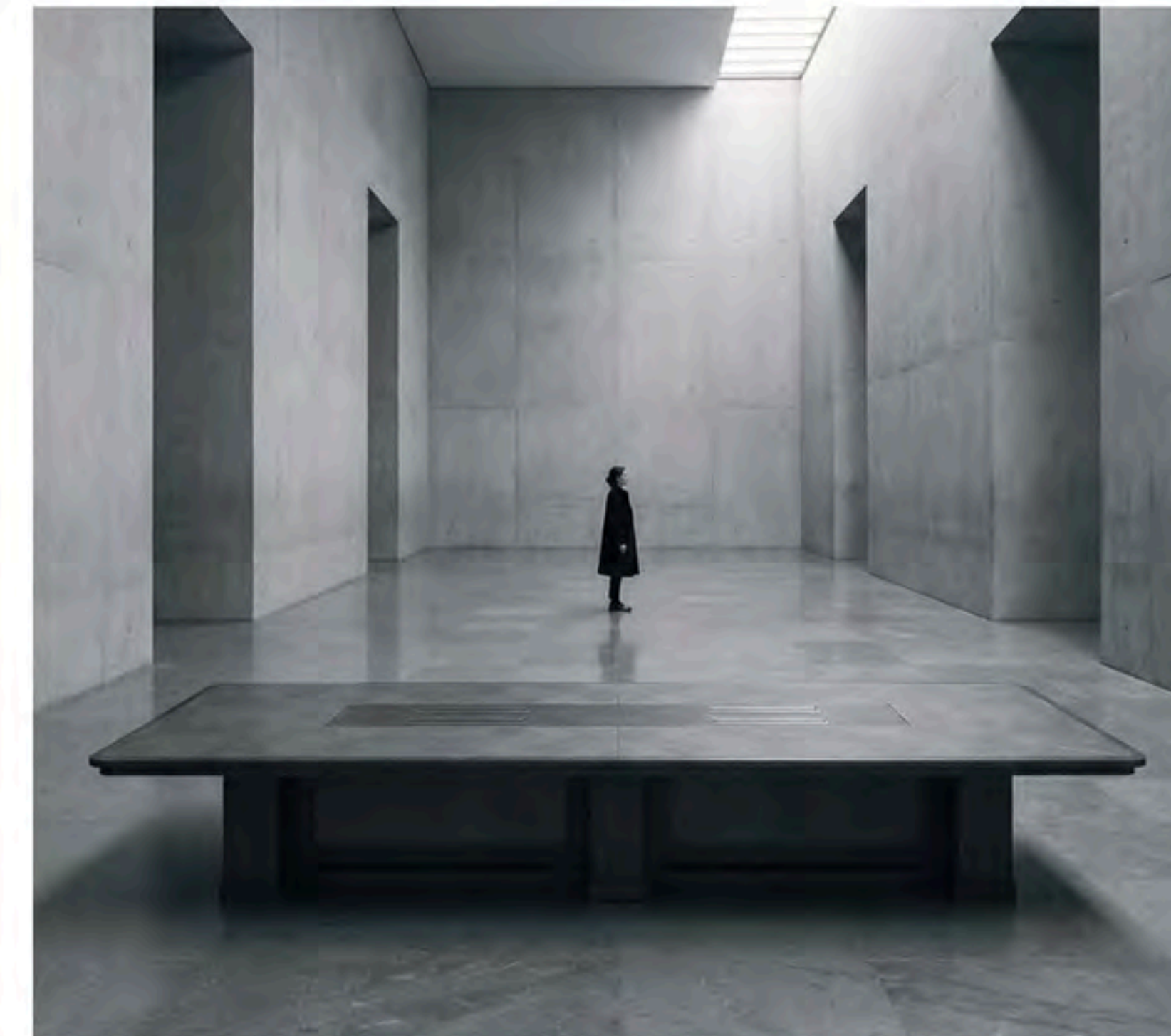


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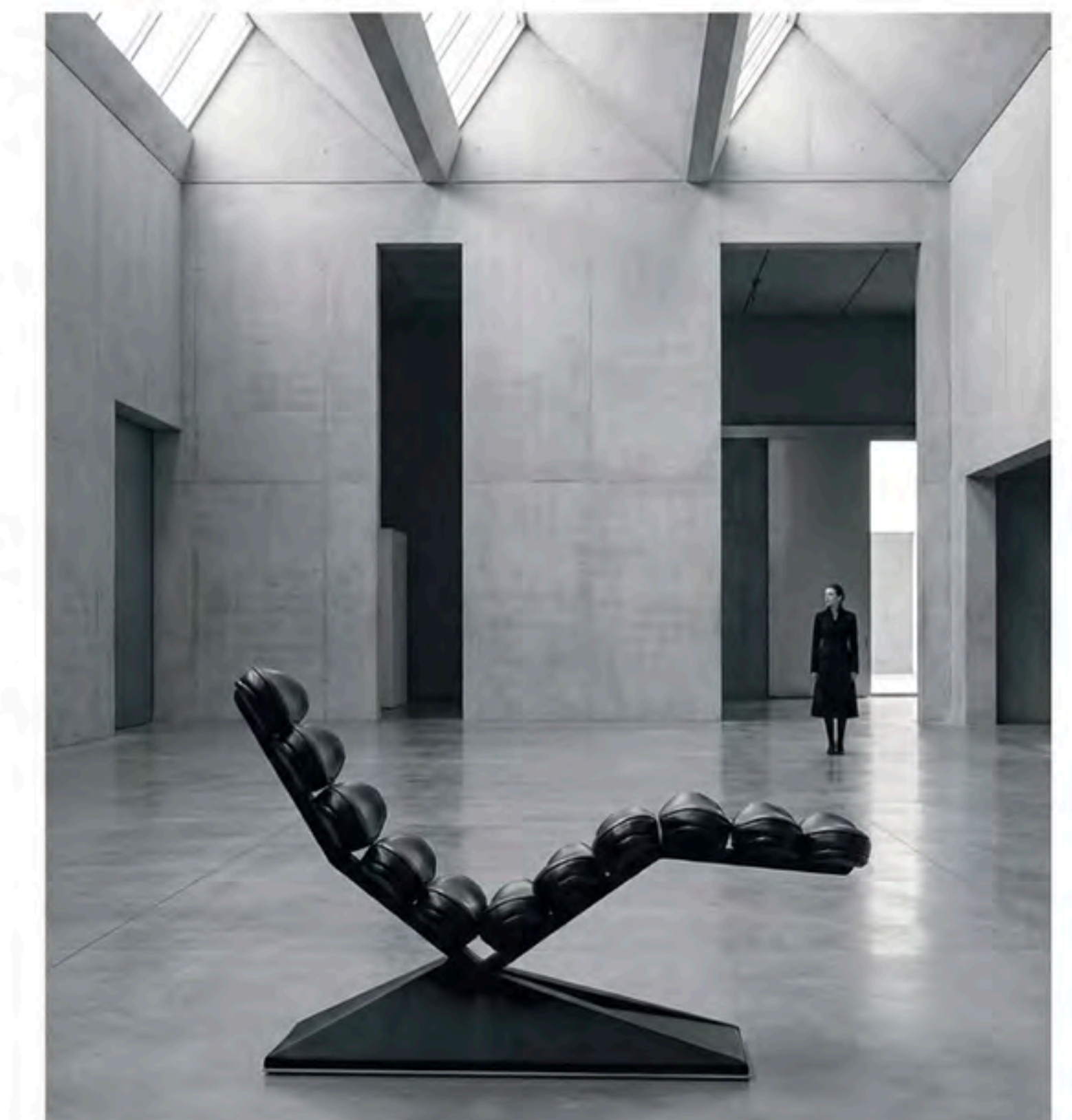
Silence is rarely considered a design material, yet it is exactly what defines Mascheroni's latest vision of living.

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In a series of architectural spaces defined by shadow, proportion, and disciplined light, Mascheroni explores how furniture can inhabit architecture not as decoration but as presence. A leather armchair sits alone in a vast hall of stone, its surface catching a ribbon of light. The room is quiet enough to notice the grain of the material, the gentle curve of the form, the way an object can anchor a space simply by existing within it.

Founded in 1973 in Cabiato, just outside Milan, Mascheroni has cultivated a reputation for exceptional leather craftsmanship and architectural collaboration. Over decades, the firm's work has appeared in embassies, ministries, cultural institutions, and presidential buildings around the world. Yet the company's enduring strength lies in a philosophy that privileges permanence over novelty. Materials are selected not only for beauty, but for longevity.



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Construction begins with solid wood frames rather than lightweight honeycomb structures often used in contemporary manufacturing. Upholstery follows the same principle of structural integrity. Mascheroni frequently employs full-grain leather that begins at 1.4 millimeters (approximately 0.055 inches) in thickness. In an industry where most upholstery leather typically ranges between 1.1 and 1.2 millimeters, beginning at 1.4 millimeters represents a deliberate commitment to exceptional material strength, durability, and structural integrity. This specification reflects a higher technical standard, requiring greater craftsmanship while allowing the furniture to maintain its form, resilience, and character over decades of use.

By contrast, thicker full-grain leather preserves the natural strength of the hide while allowing the material to age with quiet dignity. Seats retain their structure, surfaces resist stretching, and over time the leather develops a deeper patina, darkening slightly where hands rest and softening along the edges where life unfolds. For collectors of design, this distinction matters. Furniture constructed with thicker, untreated hides does not simply endure; it evolves.

This philosophy finds visual expression in Mascheroni's current campaign and creative manifesto, "To Dwell With Grace." In Mascheroni's latest exploration, these principles are staged within monumental architectural environments rendered in disciplined black and white. Sofas, desks, and

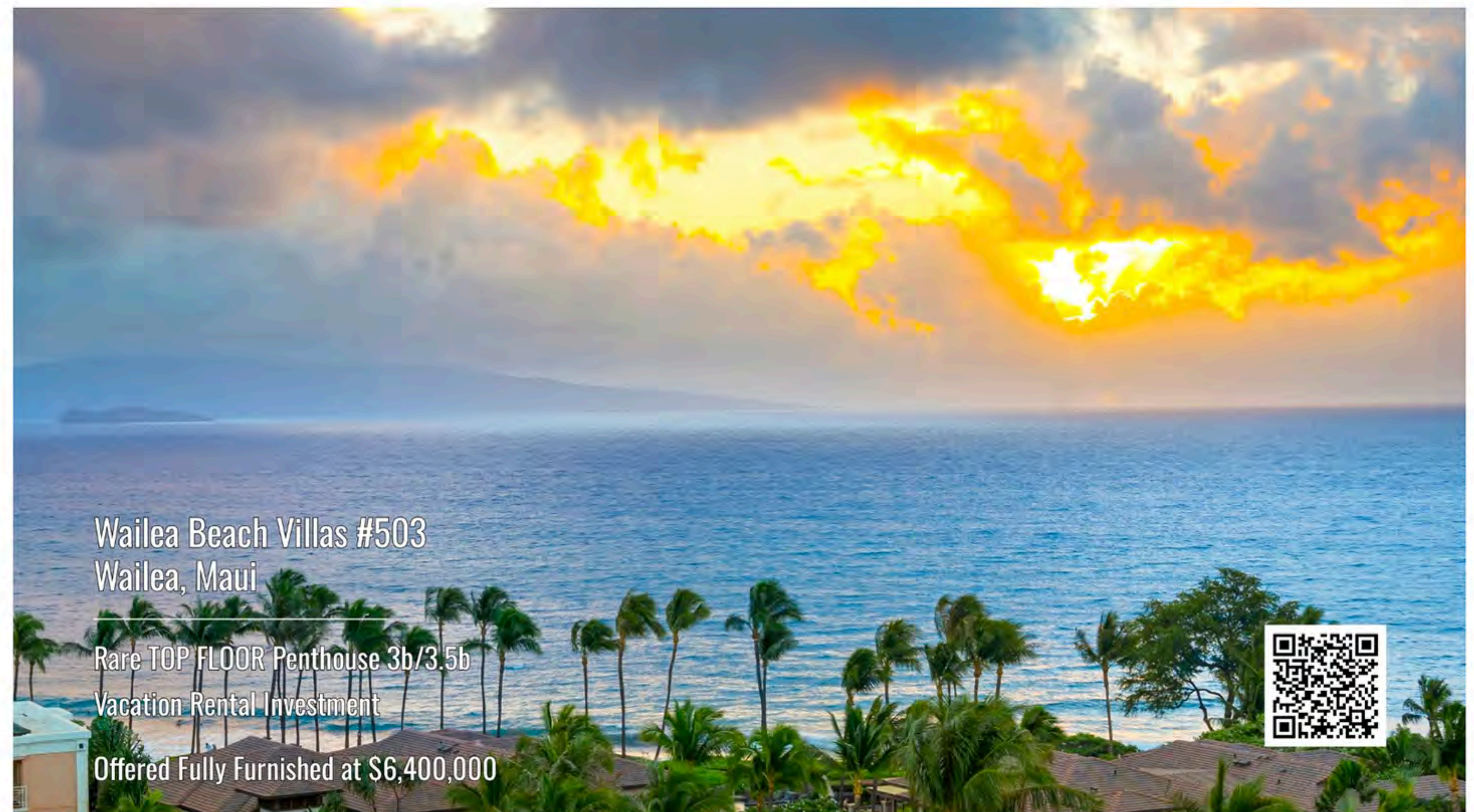
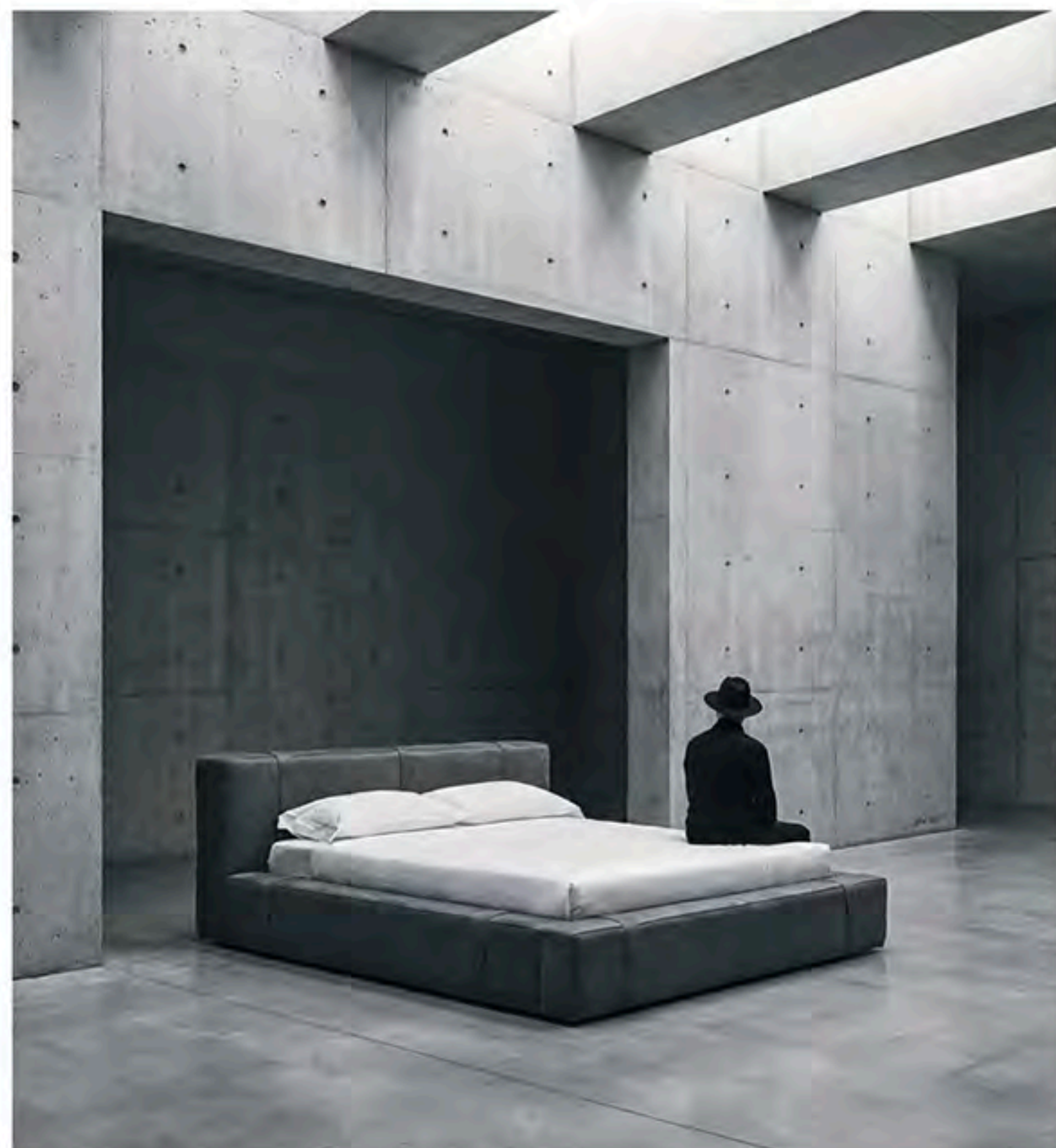
armchairs appear almost sculptural against expanses of concrete, stone, and shadow. Rather than competing with architecture, the furniture inhabits it with quiet authority.

Silvio Mascheroni describes this approach as a return to grace as measure, the ability of an object to occupy space with composure while maintaining a certain scenic presence. In these rooms, light moves slowly across surfaces, revealing stitching, grain, and form with almost cinematic patience. A single piece becomes a point of stillness, grounding the architecture around it.

The philosophy extends beyond aesthetics. Mascheroni actively resists the culture of planned obsolescence, encouraging repair and renewal rather than replacement. Many clients return years later simply to refresh cushions or restore leather surfaces, extending the life of objects that were built from the outset to endure.

By positioning its furnishings as functional sculptures within disciplined architectural settings, Mascheroni reframes the experience of interior space. The result is neither minimalism nor spectacle, but something quieter and more enduring, a vision of dwelling shaped by proportion, material honesty, and the slow elegance of time. ➔

For those drawn to the intersection of architecture, craftsmanship, and enduring design, the full collection can be explored at www.mascheroni.it



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