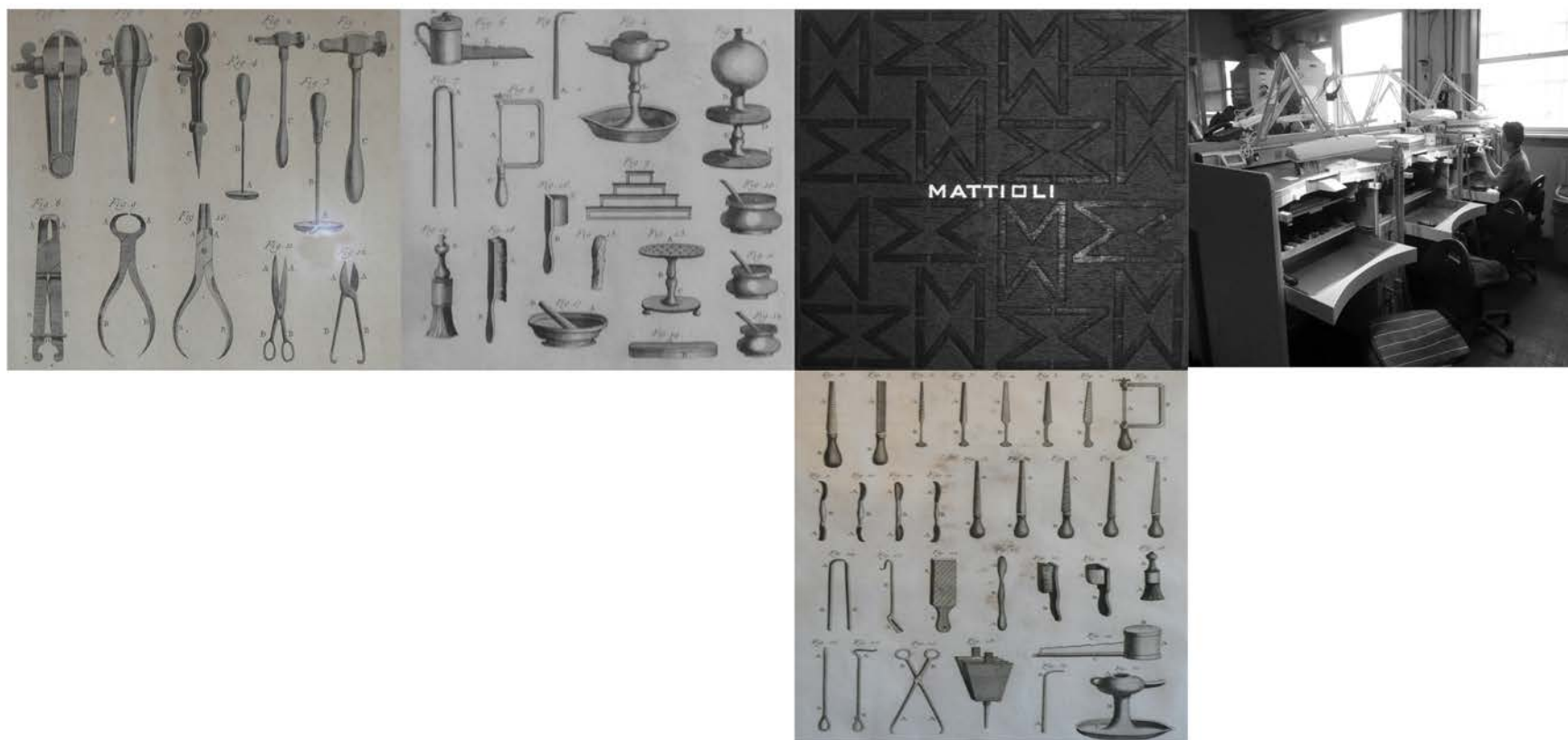


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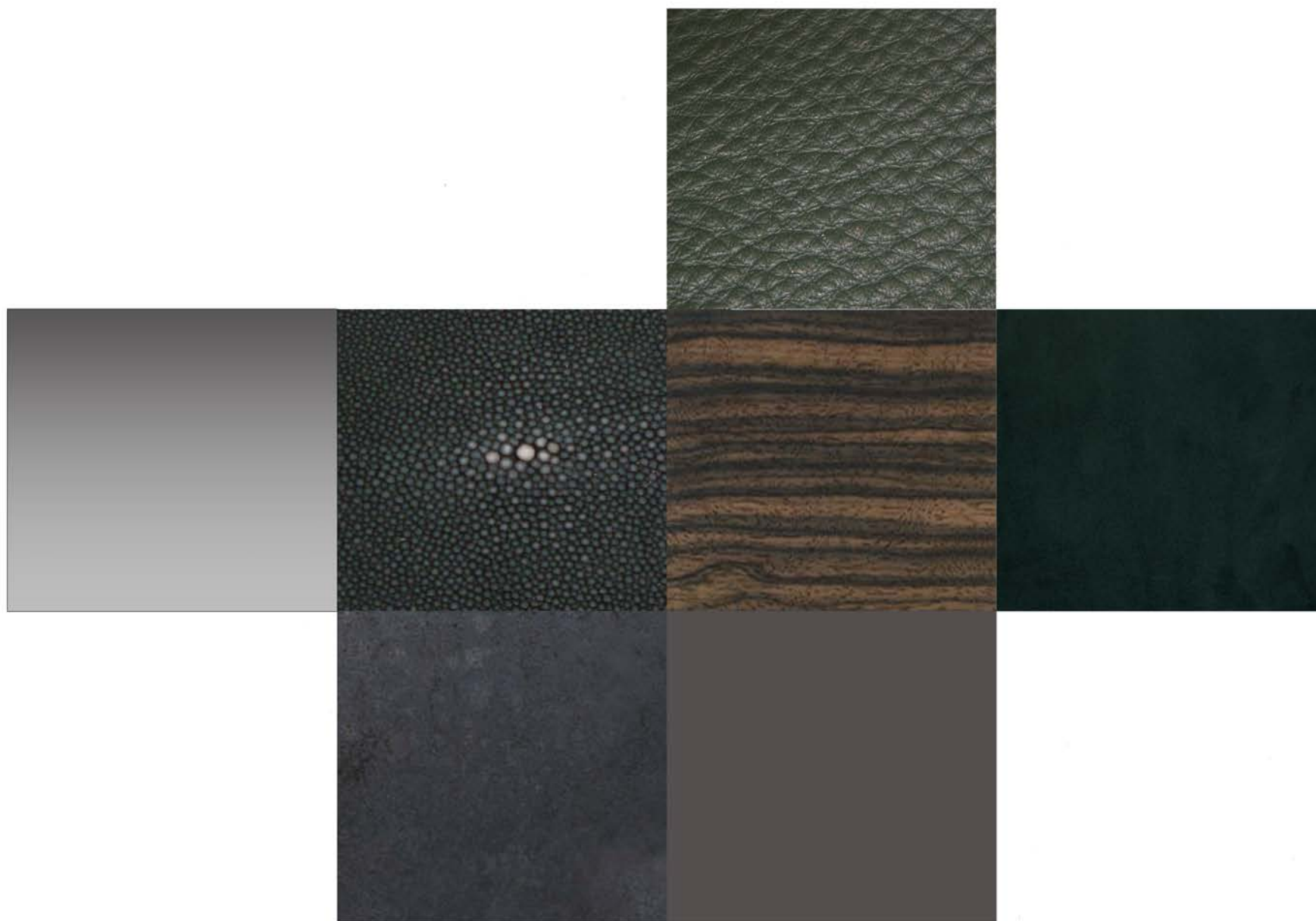
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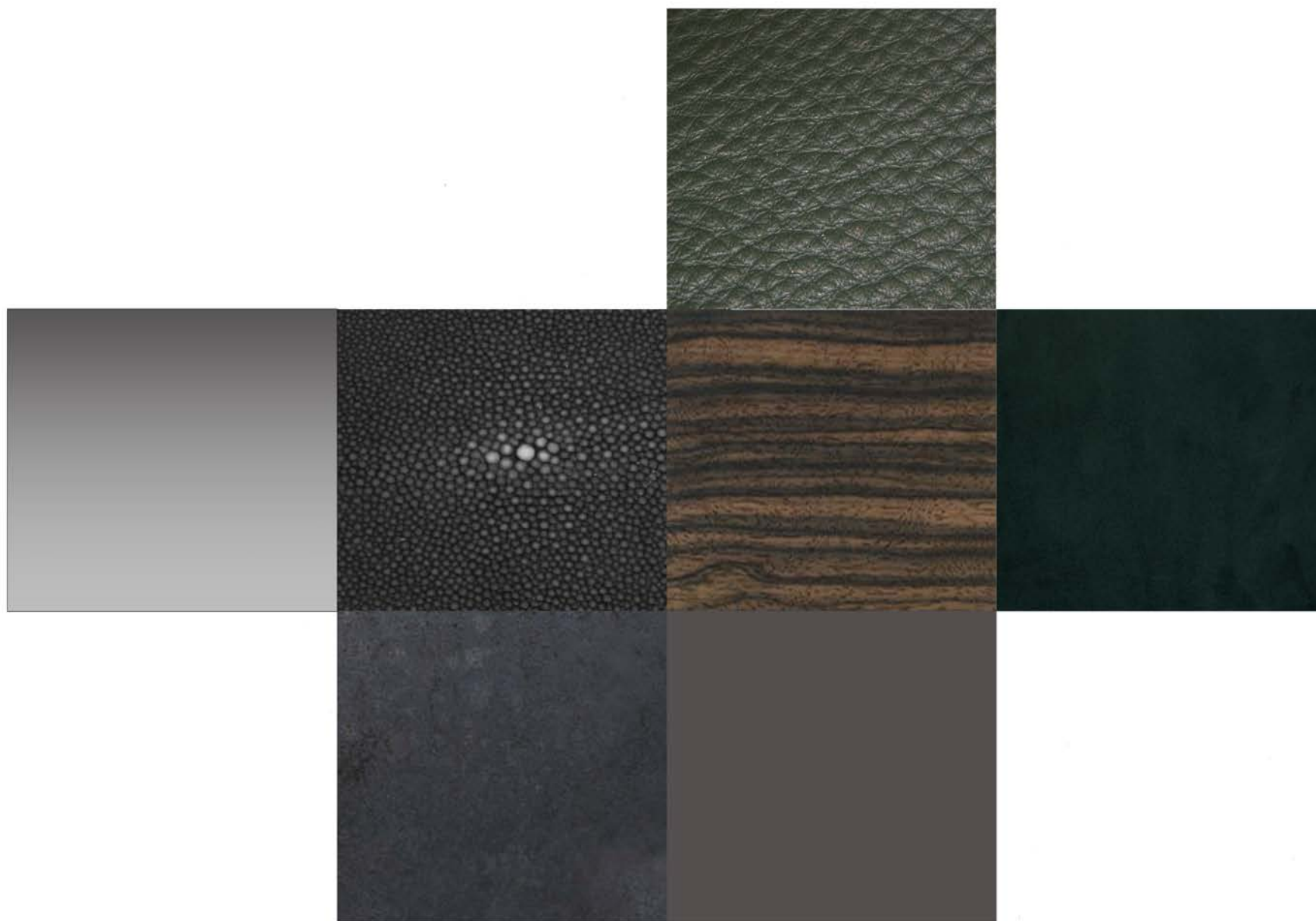
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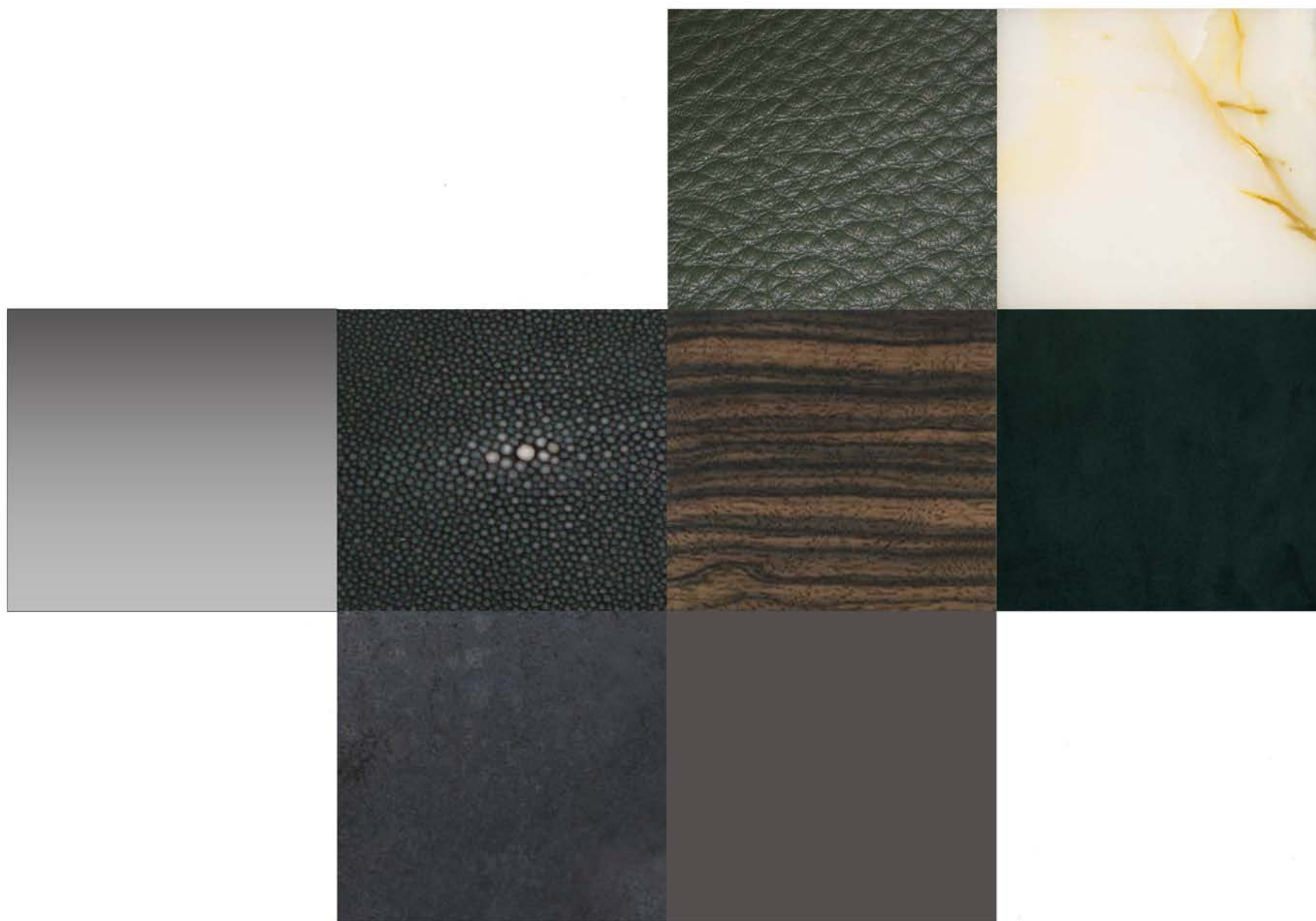
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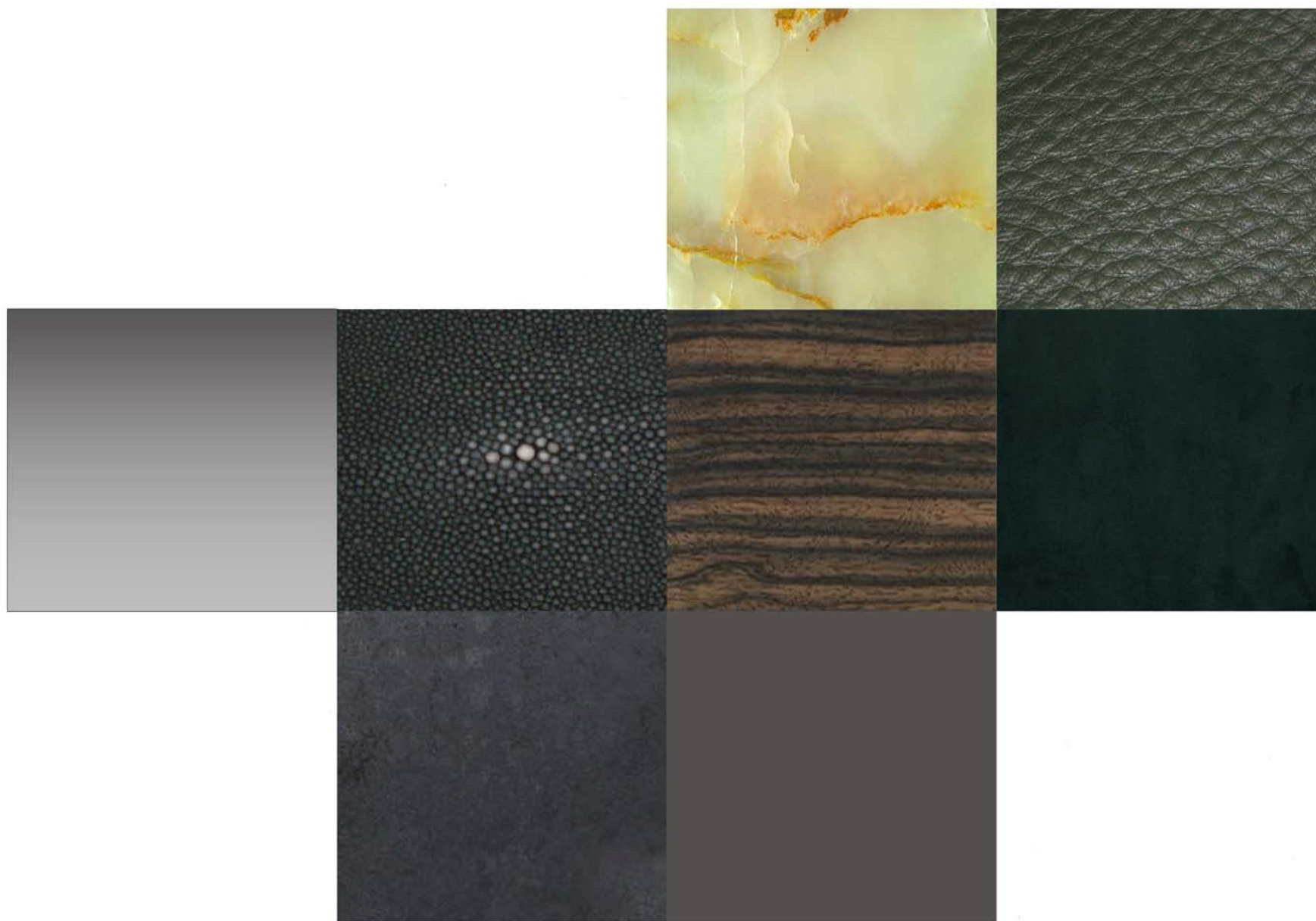
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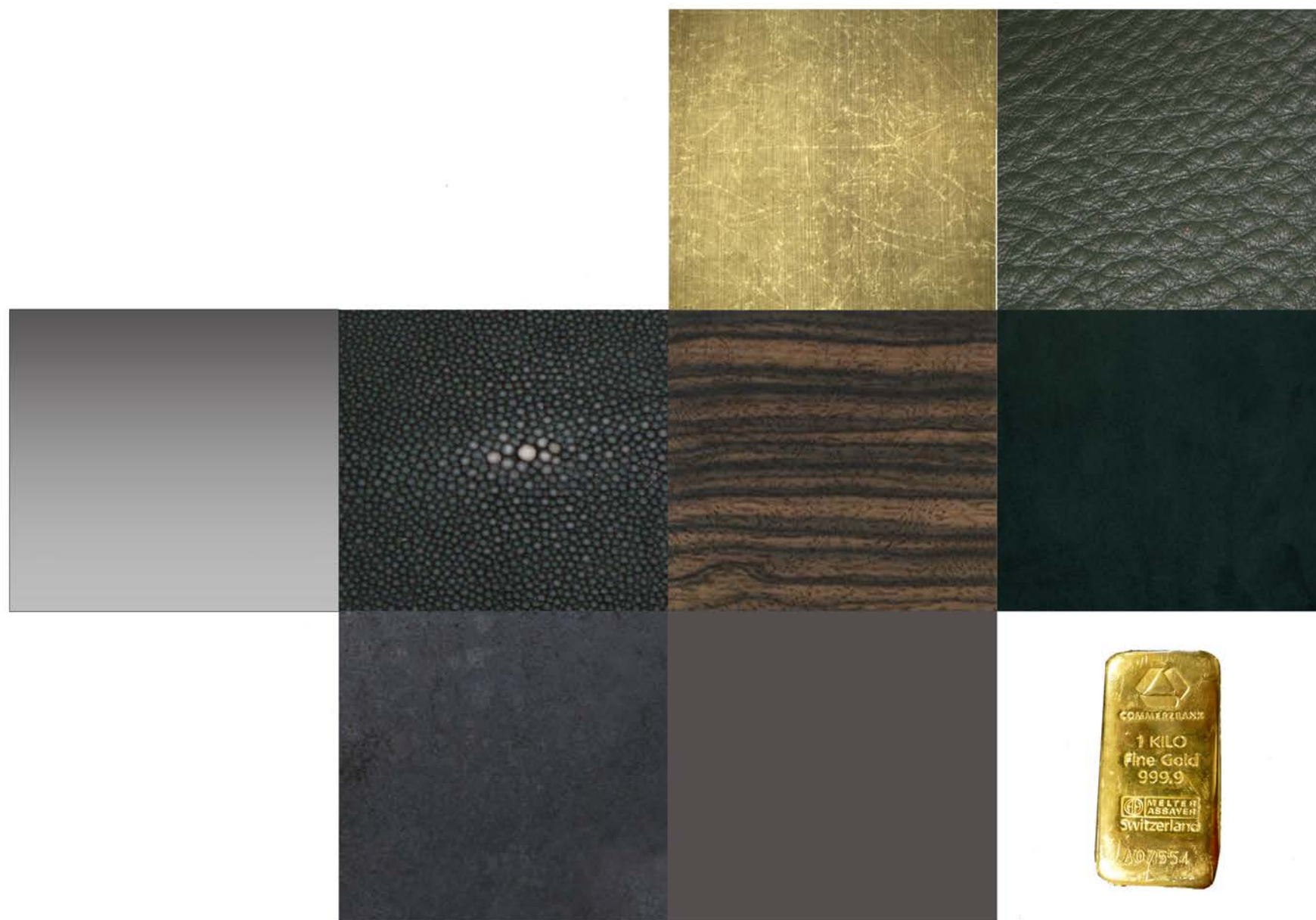
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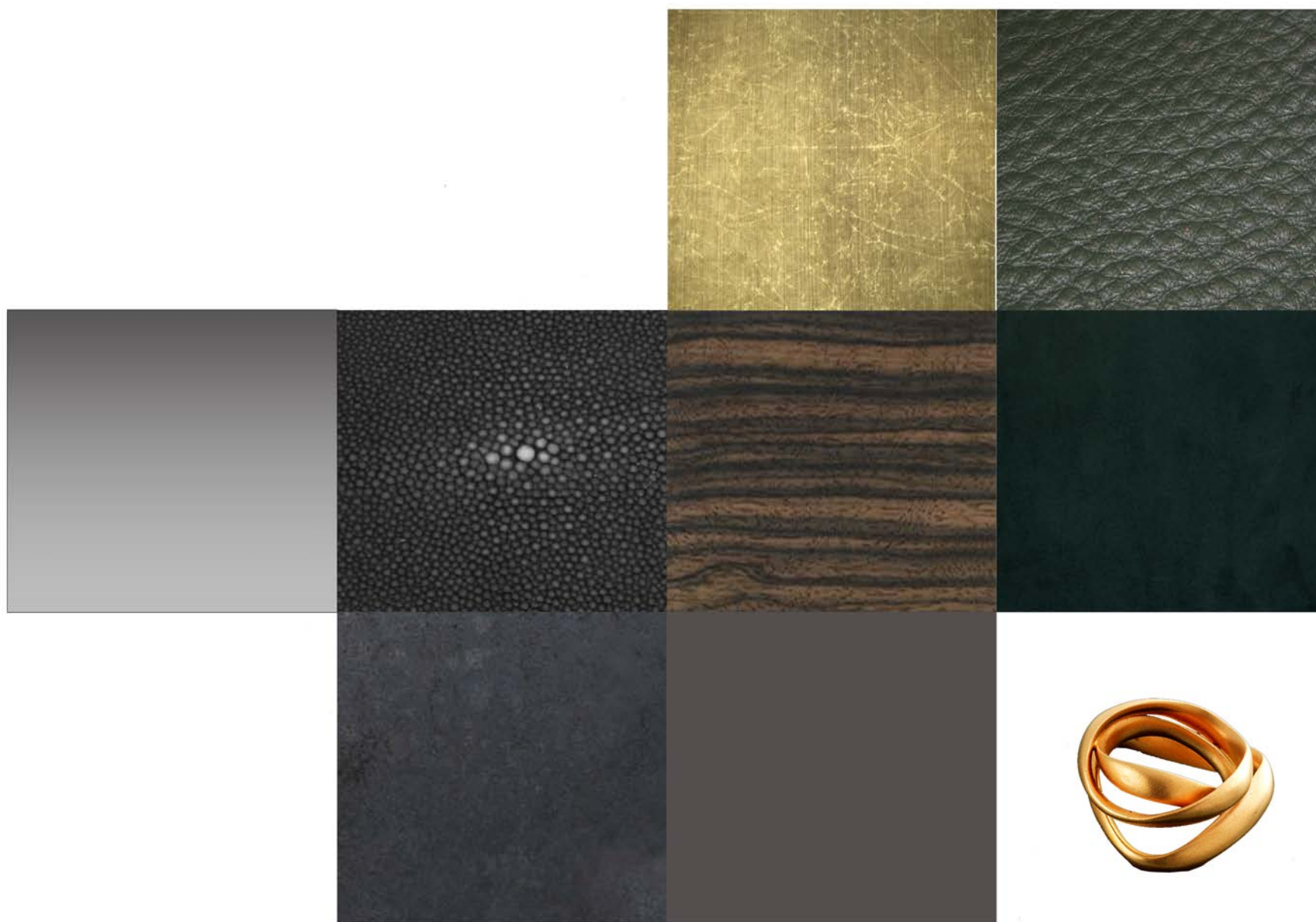
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This page and opposite: for Armando Planchard's study, Gio Ponti created this surreal colonial room, complete with zebra rug. The architect devised revolving cabinets to hide the hunting trophies, which he disliked – at the flick of a switch panels of sleek marquetry swivel into view. The 'Poltroncina Round' armchairs were designed by Ponti in 1957.



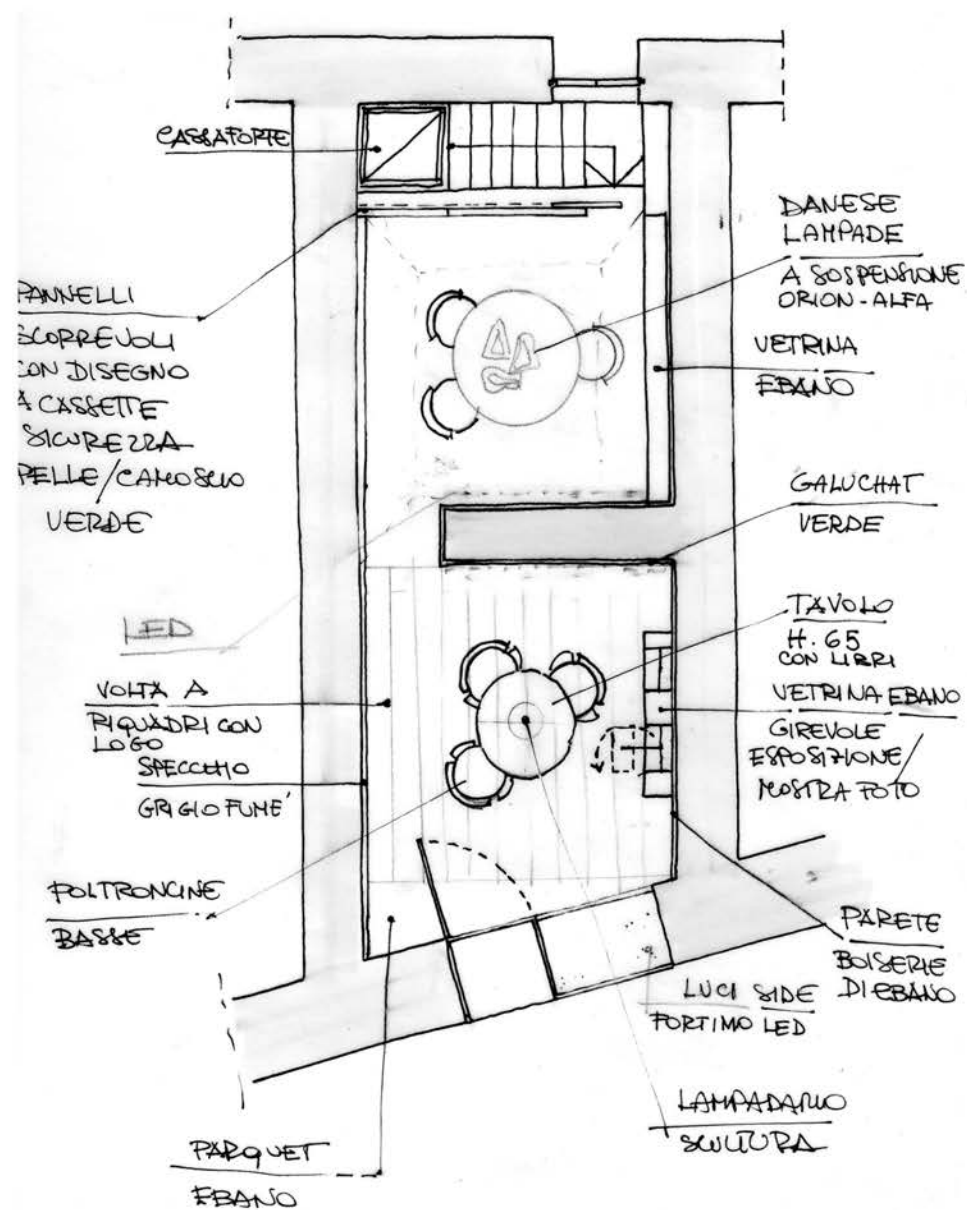
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BUTTERFLY ON THE HILL

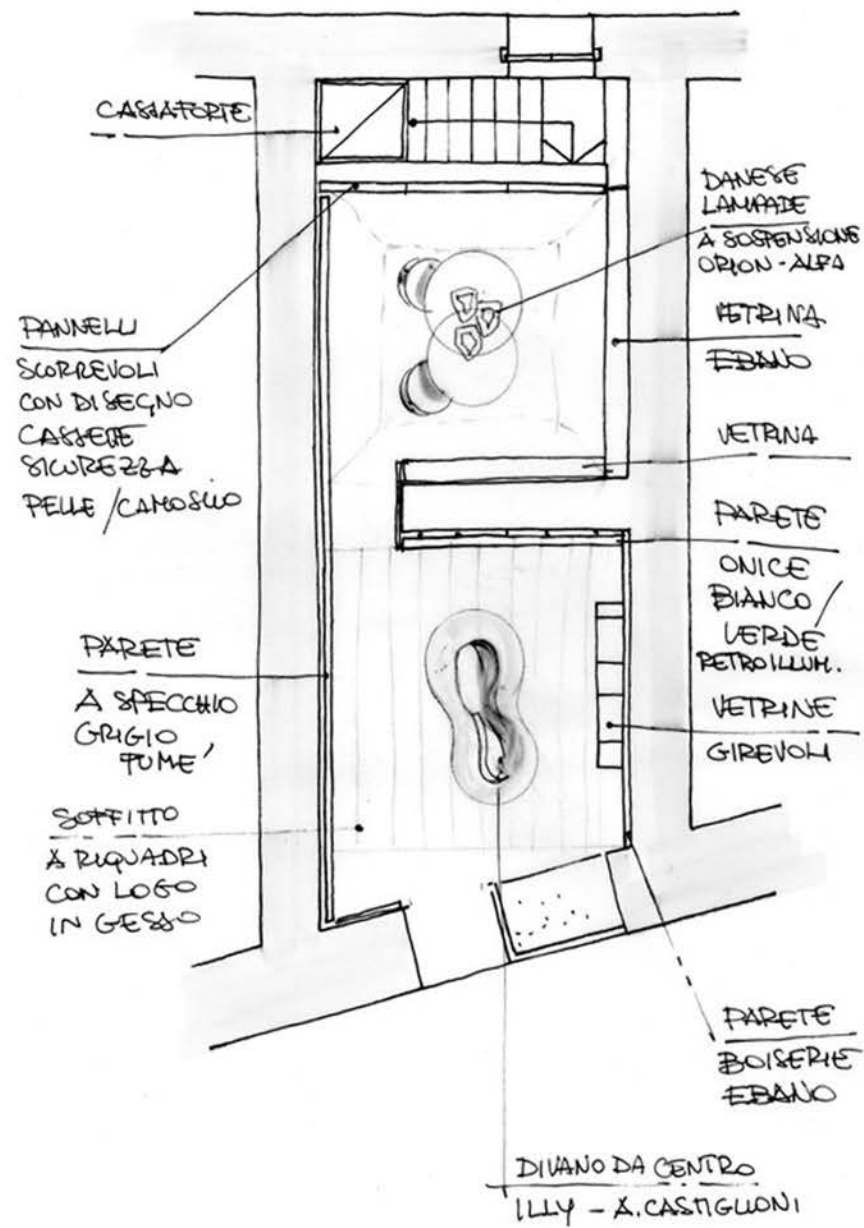
In the early 1950s wealthy Venezuelans Armando and Anala Planchart flew to Milan with a mission: to persuade Modern maestro Gio Ponti to design them a home overlooking Caracas. The finished villa – 'like a butterfly that rests its wings on a hill', as the architect himself put it – testifies both to an ostentatious strand of Italian style and a couple's unbending resolve. Text: Patricia Koch. Photography: Antoine Baralhé



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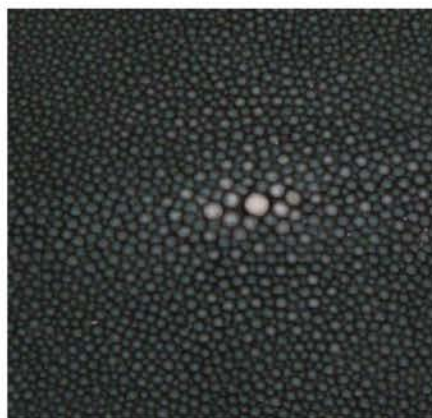
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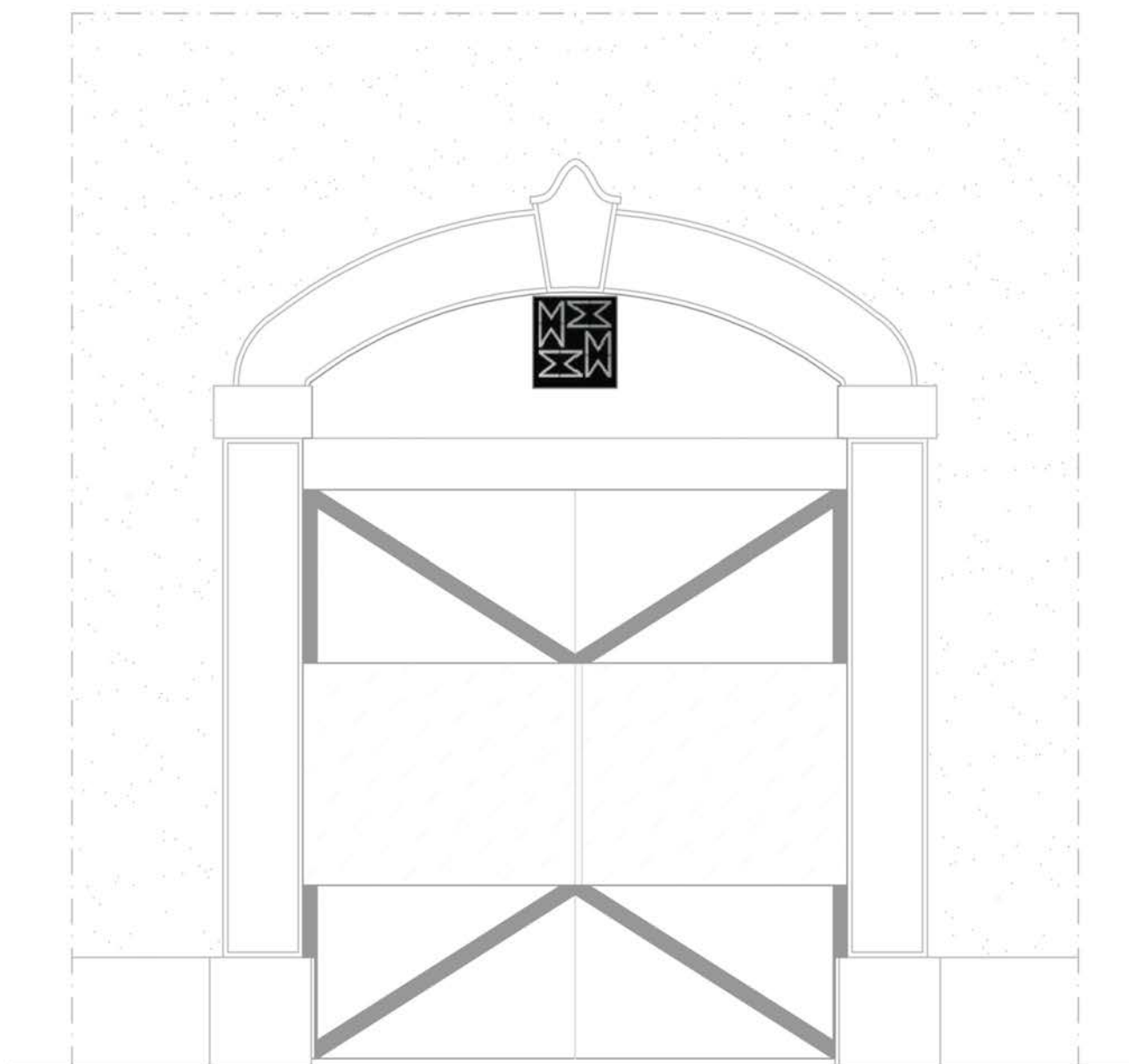
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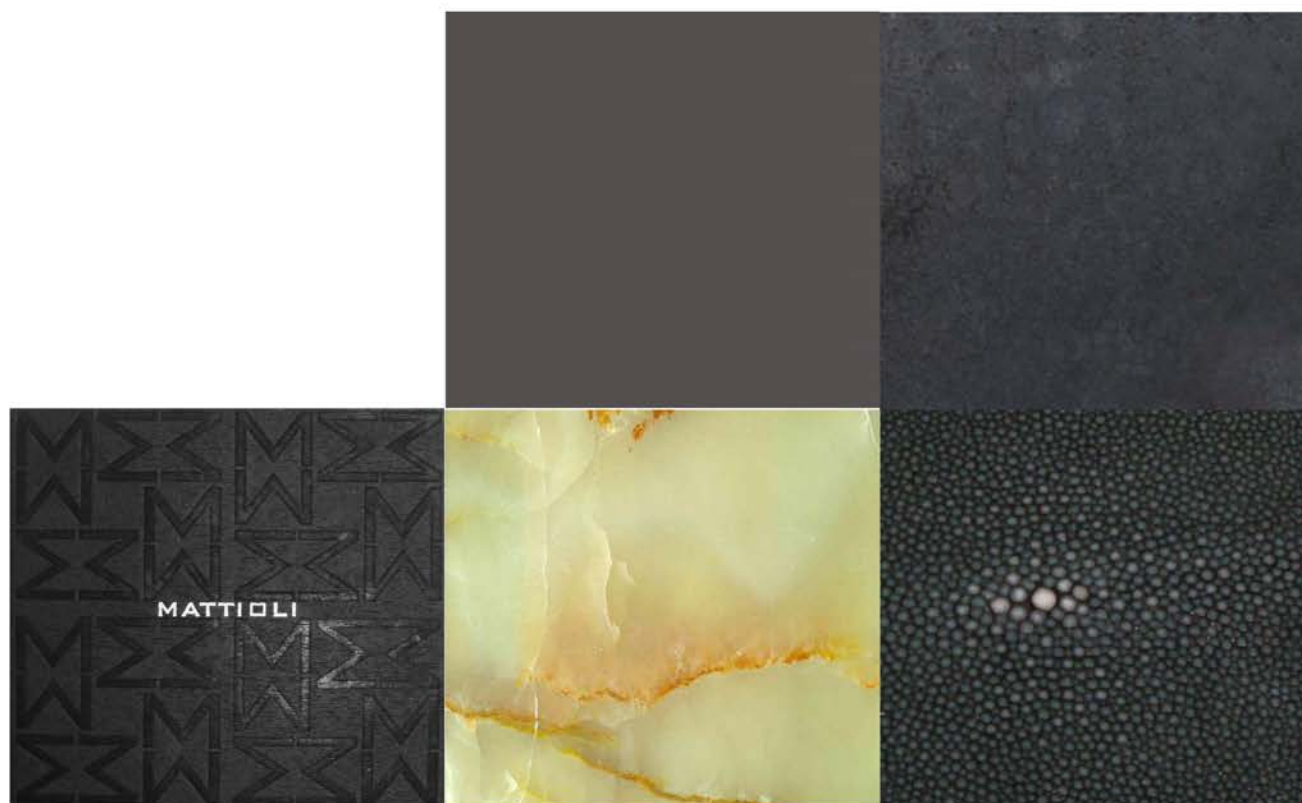
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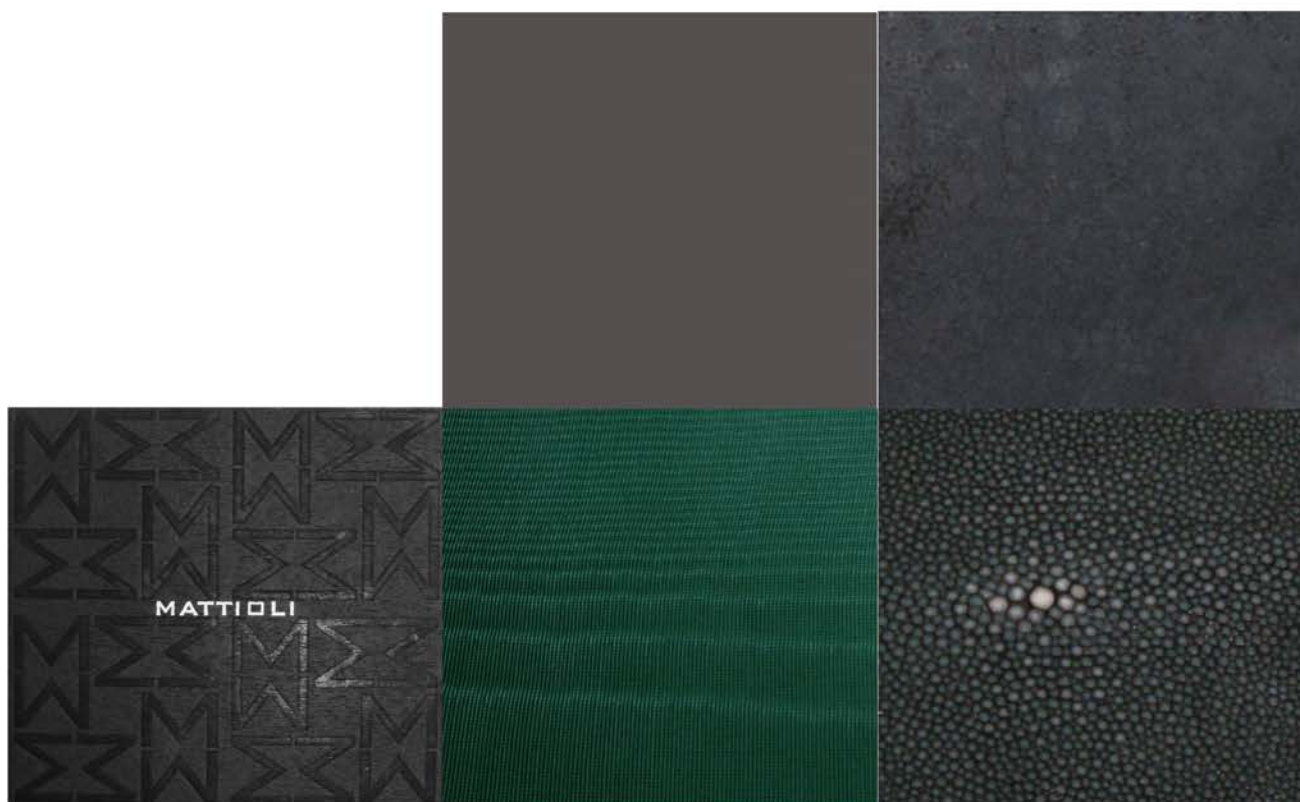
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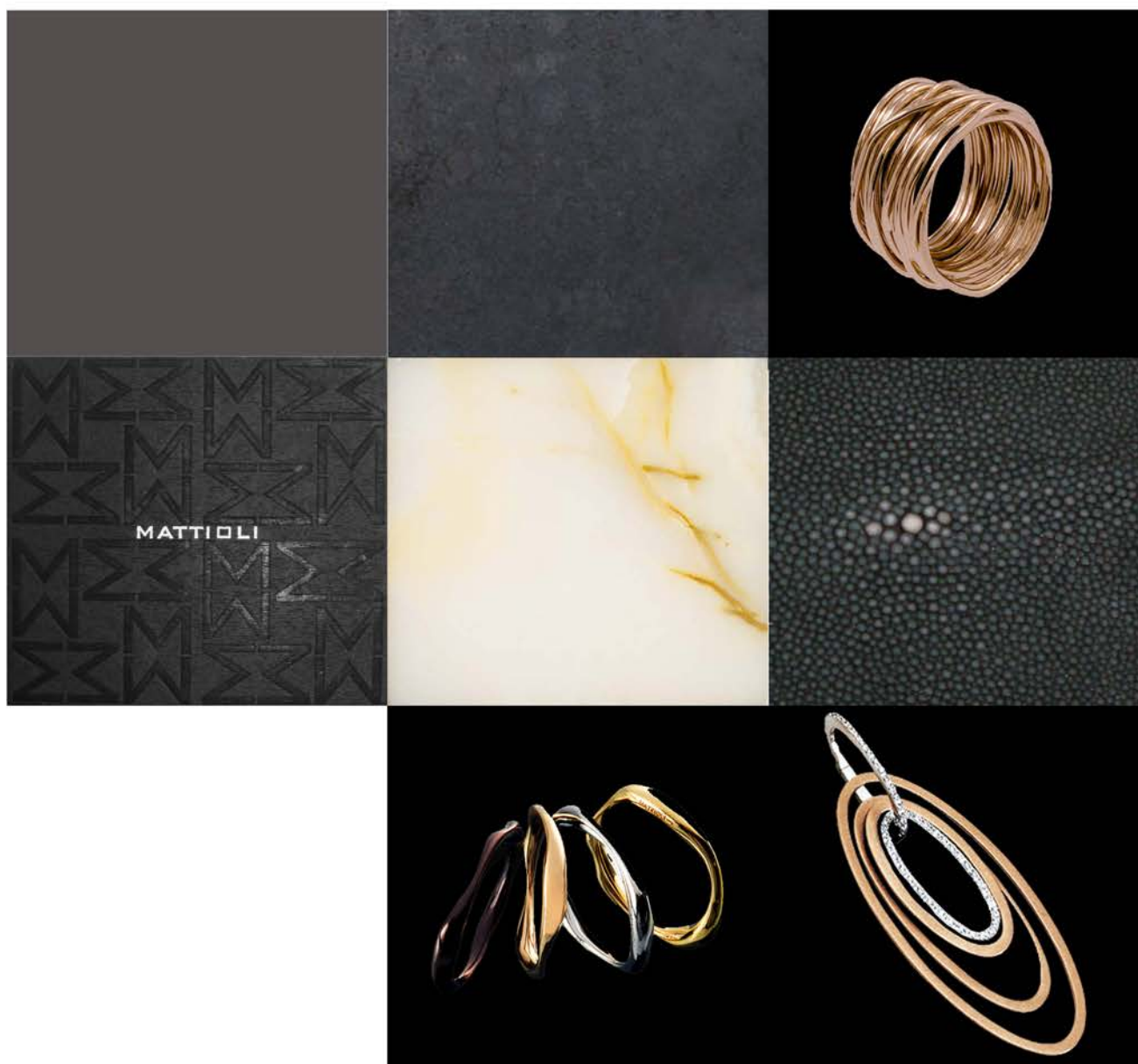
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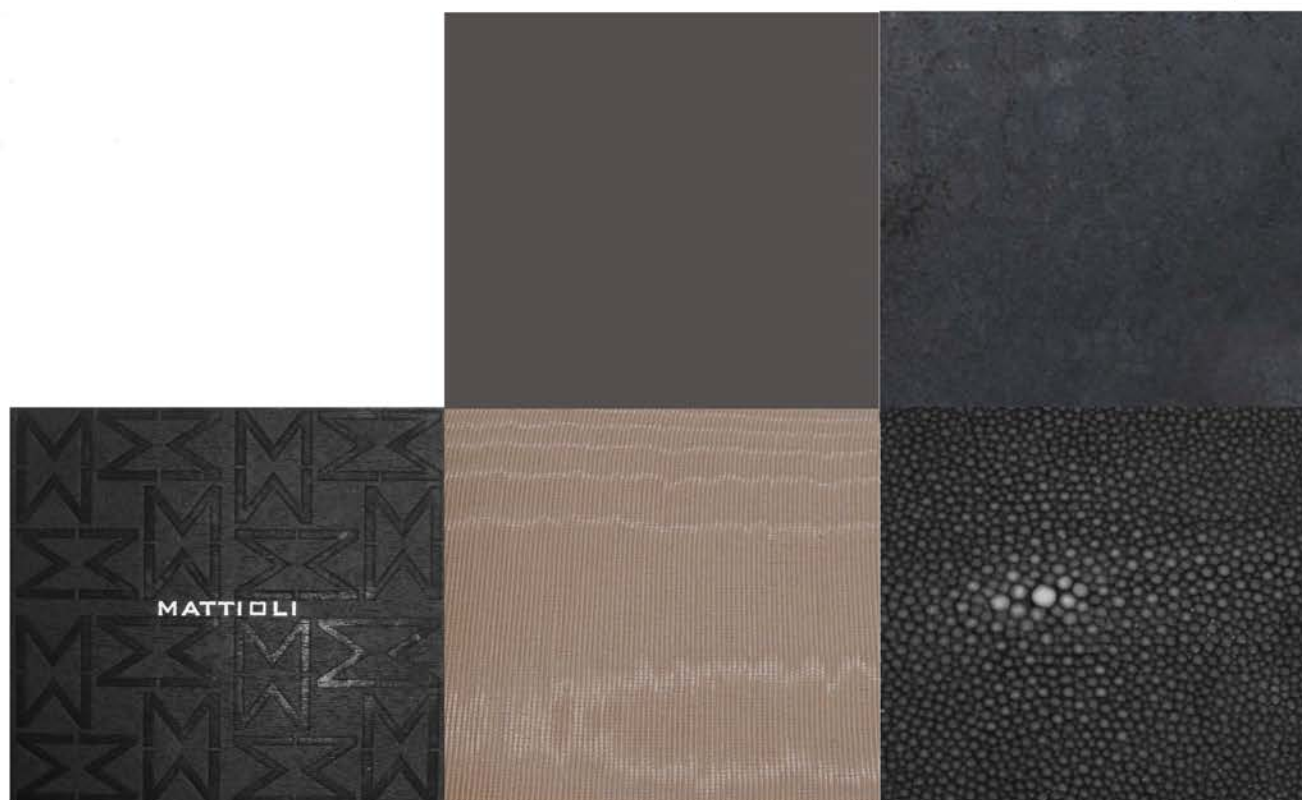
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