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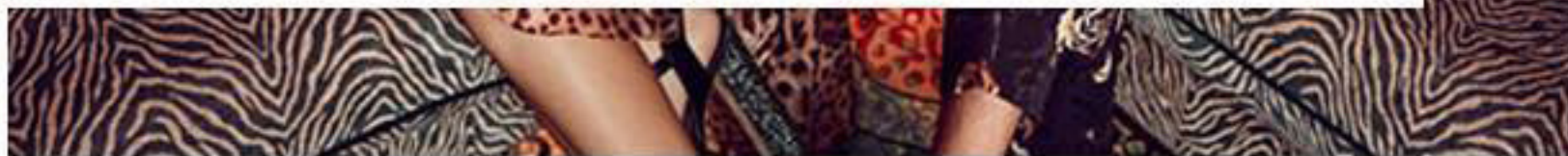
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French furniture brand Hugues Chevalier's Vendline cabinet (€18,600, pictured left) is also set aglow from within, as motion-sensitive LEDs bounce light off the mirrored interior, transforming displays of glassware into a sparkling spectacle. It's an important touch. The rising popularity of spirits has led to an increased focus on the design of accessories, from tumblers and shot sets to tongs, shakers and coolers. Asprey highlights the success of its Hexagonal liqueur set (from €1,000).

And this is what lies at the heart of the trend. Many people, having enjoyed the glamorous ambience of the cocktail bars in fine hotels and restaurants, want to conjure the same atmosphere at home, just the party set of the 1920 had done when drinks carts were introduced. As antiques dealer and barware specialist Dee Zammit explains, when Prohibition was imposed in America, bright young things were forced to take their gin slings indoors, with the most fashionable among them opting to emulate not just the drinks, but the indulgent aesthetic too.

Adding an extra touch of magic to that aesthetic is the bar cabinet. "People want more fun and a bit of naughtiness in their lives," says Zekouf & Bell's co-founder and co-designer Susan Zekouf. The brand's latest design - a Macassar-ebony cabinet (€48,000, pictured overleaf) inlaid with a magnificent marquetry jaguar and crow - was envisaged

