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**AXEL VERVOORDT:
WABI INSPIRATIONS**
Axel Vervoordt with Tatsuro Miki
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"To the mind that is still, the whole universe surrenders." – Lao Tzu

In 2007, *Axel Vervoordt: Timeless Interiors* (Flammarion) was one of the most talked about interiors publications. In *Wabi Inspirations*, Vervoordt breaks new ground with his atmospherically breathtaking Wabi-inspired interiors and says, "I have always believed that man is a medium for the expression of what nature offers."

Wabi-cha is a Japanese concept that derives from simplicity and authenticity and, as an ideal, values the beauty of those imperfections that arise in natural materials. Axel Vervoordt, one of the world's most talented and inspirational designers is a man filled with an innate curiosity and sense of exploration. He has always drawn inspiration from different cultures encountered on his travels around the globe. Now, he draws from the Japanese Wabi and other Asian aesthetic traditions, incorporating into his design work the elegance of natural materials, the sense of nobility without sophistication, and timelessness within tradition.

In this new book, Vervoordt approaches this new dimension in a style uniquely his own and demonstrates how he creates these calm, peaceful spaces for living. Working with the Japanese architect Tatsuro Miki, Vervoordt shows his techniques for distilling beauty to its simplest form and how he infused his most recent work with this fundamentally oriental approach.

Filled with stunningly arresting photography of sites from Japan and Korea to Belgium and Switzerland, this book is for anyone who is passionate about interior spaces, aspiring to Asian aesthetic principles and the work of this most extraordinary designer.

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Axel Vervoordt is an antiques and art dealer in Belgium. His work is internationally renowned and he regularly organises exhibitions at fairs and museums in the arts and antiques world.

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