

A journey to the future

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The concept of liquid society coined by Bauman twenty years ago is evaporating and we are all in danger of becoming gasbags because of social media and of being manipulated by the technocrats' niche. What can we do? We can rediscover our humanity and emotional ability to be together and share. Which is why I am pleased to see that consumption is becoming a phenomenon in which our human characteristics are emphasized.

Tourism, meant as a shared or personal adventure, will become more and more important in people's dreams and in the possibility of fulfilling them. I believe that service and exclusivity will still be crucial in the future luxury hospitality field, but a variable that I describe as 'more cultural' will add to it: living in contact with nature or longing to assimilate cultures that are not dominant in order to experience pleasure and knowledge.

We will pay attention to the more immersive aspect of the experience as opposed to 'hit-and-run' tourism. We will enjoy a richer and deeper travelling experience, more engaging and authentic at the same time. Travelling will be more like a treasure hunt, making room for our passions. Even my wife and I- we have been living and working together since the day we met in college- have been dreaming of travelling around the world as soon as we are less busy... Perhaps not in 80 days, probably in a year by enjoying experiences such as the Trans-Siberian railway and by using all the means of transport possible.

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WALKS IN MILAN
I love walking across
neighborhoods. In
mine, Porta Venezia, I
walk to the Gardens
where there was
even a zoo once.
Now it makes the
ideal venue for
exhibitions and
events



FAVORITE

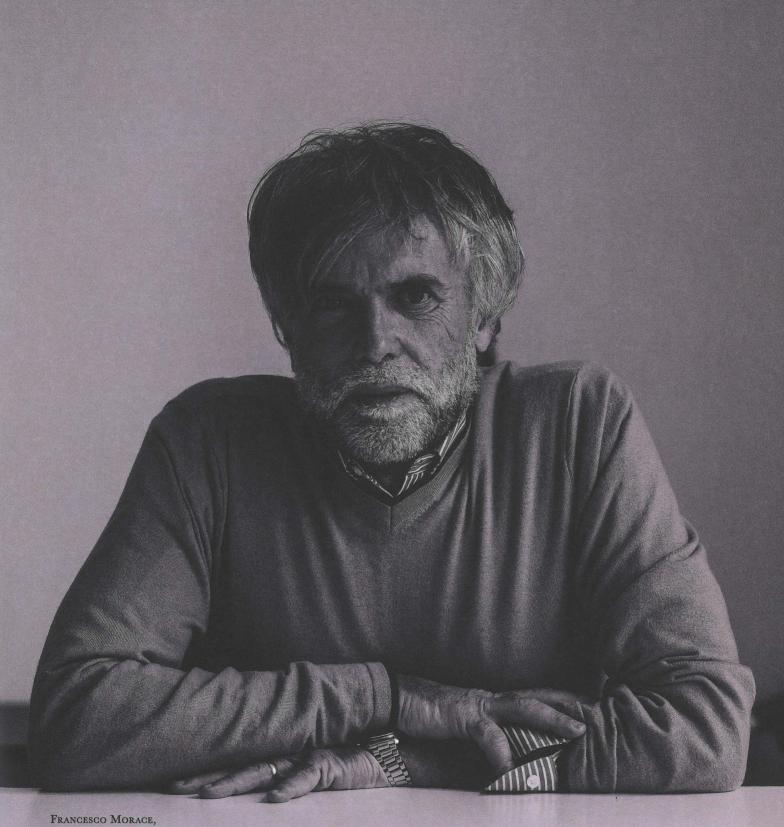
WRITERS
I am a serial book
reader. Above all, I
love Philip K. Dick and
Hugo Pratt, a true
legend. The adventures
of Corto Maltese,
his experiences
of anthropological
journey, have always
inspired me



THE GASSY SOCIETY
We have gone from needs
to desires and then to
whims, because of the
wrong assumption that
freedom is limitless. We are
in danger of letting social
media transform us into
gasbags, cutting off all ties
with the community. I tackle
this issue in my latest book



THE FUTURE
I am not afraid of
artificial intelligence,
but rather of
human stupidity.
(Francesco Morace,
Futuro + Umano,
Egea 2018)



A NEAPOLITAN SOCIOLOGIST
TRANSPLANTED TO MILAN,
HAS BEEN SCRUTINIZING THE FUTURE
OR AT LEAST TRYING
TO IMAGINE IT SINCE 1989
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