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The Italian home accessories brand teamed up with Paris chef Guy Savoy on a stainless steel bowl and utensils that make the salad the centrepiece of the meal.

Alessi's newly debuted spring/summer collection for 2016 boasts a number of marvels, from UN Studio's Ribbon bottle rack to the limited edition – and wackier than usual – Furbo bowl by the artists known as KINGS. But our favourite is a salad collection that the [Italian housewares brand](#) whipped up in collaboration with Guy Savoy, head of the eponymous Paris restaurant.



The Human Collection, as it's called, was created by French designer Bruno Moretti with input from the Michelin starred chef. The central piece is a bowl – made of 18/10 stainless steel with a mirror finish – in a shape reminiscent of a heart. It has a curvaceous rim with a dip in the centre. While it seems like a perfect solution for supporting the elegant utensils that Moretti designed for the bowl – doesn't everyone hate it when the tongs slide down into the salad? – the form has both a sentimental and functional purpose.



The cardioid shape is a symbolic evocation of the passion of cooking. And, as Savoy explains in the press release, its generous proportions make mixing greens much easier. “The heart of the salad is the most precious, tender and appreciated part. Our salad bowl seeks to establish a visual balance between the horizontal and the vertical. Its volume enables you to mix the ingredients with elegance and care.”

The bottom of the bowl is curved so that the dressing doesn't pool in the centre, overwhelming the salad's taste, texture and aroma. “The shape of the salad bowl gives the presentation a sense, a direction, and makes it easy to place the servers.”



Alessi's collaborations with food industry icons are often wildly successful. Last year, the brand debuted Michele de Lucchi's [Pulcina](#) espresso moka – a team effort with Illycafe that has proven so popular that orders far exceeded expectations.