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Conceived and produced as a printed edition, the magazine stands out for the multiplicity of languages and freedom of expression, that allows graphic experimentation and cross-fertilisation between different forms and codes. The rich iconographic apparatus that draws largely from the Historical Archive of La Biennale and from national and international photographic research is a distinguishing trait of this publication.

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The contributions in issue 1/2026 are by Gilles Kepel, Giorgio Marrapodi, Frédéric Bonnaud, Valeria Della Valle, Arturo Pérez-Reverte and Tommaso Santambrogio, Ermanna Montanari, Hans Ulrich Obrist, Visar Zhiti, Line Langebek Knudsen, Paulo Mendes da Rocha, Luca Valtorta, Letizia Michielon, Debora Rossi, Cesare Pietroiusti, Valentina Casali, Angela Guzman, Keith Broni, Maria Luisa Frisa, Giorgio Andreotta Calò, Christopher Hampton and Monica Capuani, Sonia Folin, Silvia Pareschi, Emma Dante, Silvio Ranise and Nicola Grandi, Tsai Ming-liang, Gabriele Mainetti, Tomaso Binga, Manuela Furnari, Peter Joch.

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