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Inflation set to fall below zero

And Bank of England boss says interest rates could go even lower

Balance: Mr Carney faces the press He will cut prices keep



INFLATION will soon drop below by AIDAN RADNEDGE zero for the first time, the Bank of England governor predicted yesterday. It is good news because our money

will stretch further, Mark Carney said. But he said he may have to intervene by cutting interest rates even closer to their current rock-bottom level will be

more misery on savers.

'The prospect of rates going below

'Those with a flexible mortgage could get a huge financial shot in the arm what amounts to a free giveaway. 'But for those who live on their sav-

ings, a zero-interest rate would be a further kick in the teeth.' Mr Carney has long been expected



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£370, oasig.com

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£1,850, jaywatsondesign.com

Factory Pendant Lamp

This pendant from lighting experimentalists Young & Battaglia is deceptively industrial. Using the shape of the ubiquitous factory shade, it is actually made from glass. Delicate in jewel-like execution, the fragility of this material riffs off the ruggedness of the design. A great contemporary twist on a modern classic.

£545, mineheart.com

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left: Factory Pendant Lamp; Linger A Little Longer: VitrA Basin:

FUTURE FORMS EXPLAINED

WHAT is the future for what we fill our homes with? Mariel Brown and Zoe Stavrou of design and innovation consultancy Seymourpowell explore how the new industrial trend is being manifested. Brown, head of trends at Seymourpowell, says: 'In the future we expect to see weird and wonderful materials making their way into the luxury homeowners' environment as contemporary designers flip the commonly accepted concept of

material value on its head. Material

plastic, sea waste, crab shells and

even whalebones have been spotted

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explorations ranging from lava,

exploring new finishes as a way to enliven and add interest to the familiar. Wood is being revisited. Designers are elevating this material by burning. smoking and oxidising. Zoe Stavrou, senior design researcher at Seymourpowell, adds: The trends for open-source and 30-printing technologies have been gathering traction and shining a ight on a future where consumers become makers. Those looking to build their own homes can now go online and get the parts 3D-printed, ready for assembly



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£509, vitra.co.uk

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