



Outdoors

Let the Sun in

These statement-making collections are versatile enough to use both indoors and out

By Michele Koh Morollo

Outdoor collections combine functional style with durability, making them perfect for Singapore's tropical climate. Hong Kong-based designer Britta Butler of B Squared Design believes that by creating outdoor versions of their iconic collections, brands are able to cater to homeowners who want to be closer to nature.

"When it comes to items for both indoor and outdoor use, think about functionality and mobility," says Butler. "Daybeds and benches with storage can help increase the usability of both indoor and outdoor spaces. Woven materials like wicker and jute look good both indoors and out." For instance, an outdoor dining set placed at a spacious balcony, which can extend an open-plan living and dining room while complementing the interior scheme of the home.

BOTANICAL ORIGINS

Maximise the use of your spacious deck with the Leaf outdoor table from Danish brand Houe. Named after its distinctive shape, the table features a bamboo top and can seat up to nine guests. Pair it with the Paon chairs, which combine Scandinavian style with a silhouette





collection by teak outdoor furniture specialist Gloster

includes a lounge chair, ottoman, bar chair and dining chair

by Danish designer

by Danish designer Henrik Pedersen. The brand's close-grained, hard-wearing teak has been buffed so the wood's natural oils enable it to last even when exposed to sun

when exposed to sun

"When it comes to items for both indoor and outdoor use, think about functionality and mobility"

When choosing indoor-outdoor furniture, Karen Gan, co-founder of local firm KGID, advises looking out for items made with teakwood or corrosion-resistant aluminium. She also recommends furnishings with quick-dry cushions or seats clad in weather-resistant textiles that look and feel like indoor fabrics. "Choose products that match the interiors of your home in terms of style, texture and colour scheme," she says.

According to Terence Choo, marketing and public relations manager of P5 and P5 Studio, you should also consider the weight of the piece, as it needs to be mobile enough to be moved around with ease. "Opt for earthy colours rather than garish shades or prints, so the piece is versatile enough for indoor use," he says.

FOR ALL SEASONS

The Klasen backless seat, designed by Gordon Guillaumier for Minotti, is perfect for shaded thresholds that connect interior and exterior spaces. The seat's metal frame is treated with a special polyester paint for weatherproofing and durability. A hand-woven seat made with water-repellant saddle-hide brings the sophistication of leather outdoors.





PATTERN PLAY

Created in collaboration with Designer Rugs, the Geo Deco collection by Greg Natale comprises eight designs that draw cues from the French art deco movement. Handtufted using 100 per cent New Zealand wool, the varied pile heights add to the tactility of each rug.

"There is something so arresting about French art deco; it always appealed to me more than its American counterpart," says the Australian designer. "I wanted to capture that simplicity of shape and colour in this range, albeit in a very bold and arrhythmic fashion." shop.gregnatale.com

REST EASY

Produced by Italian brand Ulivi Salotti, the Omer bed taps into its expertise in leather making by marrying the plush touch of suede leather with ergonomic proportions for ultimate comfort. The metal detailing on the headboard and at its base add a luxurious touch. As with other products from





RICH TAPESTRY

Zimmer + Rohde draws from over a century of history in manufacturing upholstery collections, marrying its time-tested craftsmanship with creative experiments in colour and layering techniques. Its new Edition range of wallpaper is the very embodiment of its heritage. Featuring various handcrafted techniques to create three-dimensional textures, the line celebrates the beauty of woven textiles with a patchwork of patterns on fleece backing and fleece wallpaper. Available at Cetec Singapore, cetec.com.hk



