

Inspired By The Summer, Signature Pieces For The Season Create A Fresh Vision Of Outdoor Living

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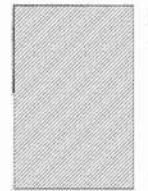
Whether your fantasy retreat involves sipping mojitos under a palapa on a beach or dining alfresco overlooking azure ocean waters, celebrate the idea that a relaxed state of mind can be had with a couple of key ingredients: good company and a fabulously fresh outdoor living space. Now, casual is the direction of choice for entertaining and living — breathing new life into design inside and out. And each September, the International Casual Furniture & Accessories Market does just that by providing retailers with an outlet to find all things related to outdoor and casual living. Featuring the latest products and trends in the industry, the Casual Market averages more than 350 exhibitors and showrooms. For more information about the show, visit www.casualmarket.com.

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ABOVE: The tropics sizzle with the Palm Desert sling chair and ottoman from Tommy Bahama Outdoor. 866/986-8282; www.tommybahama.com

CENTER LEFT: Harbour Outdoor's sleek "Breeze Carver Chair" features a mesh seat and teak accents. 877/242-7268; www.harbouroutdoor.com

BOTTOM LEFT: The wide, wood slats of Lloyd Flander's Great Lakes chair provide smooth comfort on sand or stone. 501/785-2391; www.lloydflanders.com



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Designed by Luis Alejandro Blasini for Kanna, the "Nest" wicker outdoor club chair is perfect for garden or poolside soirees. 305/651-9655; www.kanna.com



ABOVE: Crafted from reforested wood with a natural finish, Saccaro's lounge from its Duna Collection is cushioned in Sunbrella fabric. 305/576-0103; www.saccaro-usa.com



ABOVE: Curved white-oak arms shape The Hammock Source's Hatteras double swing striped in royal red. 800/334-1078; www.thehammocksource.com



ABOVE: Taking form from classic draping ceremony armchairs, Domitalia's "Phantom" chairs sit well in all settings. www.domitalia.it

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The Oleander Outdoor sofa with canopy and slipcovered armchair from Lee Industries goes beyond furniture and becomes art. 800/892-7150; www.leeindustries.com



ABOVE: Inspired by Chippendale furniture themes, Brown Jordan's lounge chair and ottoman from its Calcutta II collection features an exotic bamboo pattern and slender tapered legs. 800/743-4252; www.brownjordan.com



ABOVE: Selamat Designs mixes timbers of plantation-grown teak with bronzed trim in its "Tall Tapas Table." 800/492-1776; www.selamatdesigns.com