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## THE NEXT DESIGN SUPERSTARS

*Meet the wizards behind limited-edition furniture*

Ambra Medda, co-founder of Design Miami, is calling designers who create limited editions and one-off furniture the new rock stars, and it's anyone's guess which artful arbiter will be the next big act. Marc Benda of Friedman Benda Gallery in New York ([www.friedmanbenda.com](http://www.friedmanbenda.com)) predicts that designs by Forrest Myers, a sculptor who resides in Brooklyn, will be a hot commodity this year. "Myers has been a little under the radar, but many of the themes he's explored in the past are part of the contemporary dialogue," Benda explains. Carole Hochman, director of Barry Friedman Ltd. ([www.barryfriedmanltd.com](http://www.barryfriedmanltd.com)), says French sculptor Ingrid Donat is also one to watch. "We believe Studio Job will be the hottest designer of limited edition and one-off furniture pieces in '08," says Bret Pittman of Moss ([www.mossonline.com](http://www.mossonline.com)). If you missed Studio Job's "Robber Baron" collection or Myers' and Donat's creations at Design Miami, a visit to New York may be in order.

1. Detail from Ingrid Donat's *Hommage à Klimt Fils* 2. Detail from Donat's *Commode Primitive* 3. Detail from Forrest Myers' *Parker* 4. Donat's *Commode 6 Tirroirs* 5. Myers' *Parker* 6. Myers at work in his Brooklyn studio.

*"In 2008, expect to see over-the-top, bold, contemporary damask designs expressed in different mediums and infused with dramatic hues that are sophisticated and glamorous."* —Interior designer Charles Allem

## GO GREEN WITH GLAMOUR!

Want to fight global warming? For design junkies, buying green treatments for the home is one way to. Products like organic cotton ([www.abchome.com](http://www.abchome.com), [www.kaightsbofstudio.com](http://www.kaightsbofstudio.com)) prove that green is getting er. It's also getting loftier with Mia tecture/interior design firm Perkin leading the pack with green buildi are fully committed to sustainab that sets us apart," says P + W Director Patricia Bosch. "We don't about it, we actually deliver." Look firm's LEED (Leadership in En Environmental Design) awards to to pour in this year. [www.perkinswill.com](http://www.perkinswill.com)

FAR OUT: Oppenheim's Towers in Dubai.



## DESIGN WITH REACH

More than \$310 billion in co spending is predicted for the city during the next decade as skyscra ply in the United Arab Emirates nearby Abu Dhabi. Though UAE's sl a world away from ours, Miami are making a mark on the Middle line. Chad Oppenheim of Opp Architecture says, "Working in D the Middle East is a dream. It is M with Vegas with even greater ima and the financial resources to ma happen." Kobi Karp, founder of K Architecture and Interior Design, is on a handful of projects there, i Etihad Village and Movenpick A Hotel. "Dubai and Abu Dhabi becoming the new architectural meg of the world," he remarks. "Al Ra could easily be a sister city to Miami



## MAD ABOUT DRIADE

Tokujin Yoshioka's glass-and-paper sculpture and artful collapsible paper chairs nestled into undulant waves of clear plastic straws in his Design Miami exhibition, which transformed the top floor of the Moore Building into an ethereal panorama. Though the 2007 Designer of the Year's installation is long gone from the Design District, the Driade showroom—the Italian retailer's first in the U.S.—carries a variety of shapely furnishings by the Japanese visionary. 4141 N.E. 2nd Ave., 305.572.2900, [www.driademiami.com](http://www.driademiami.com).

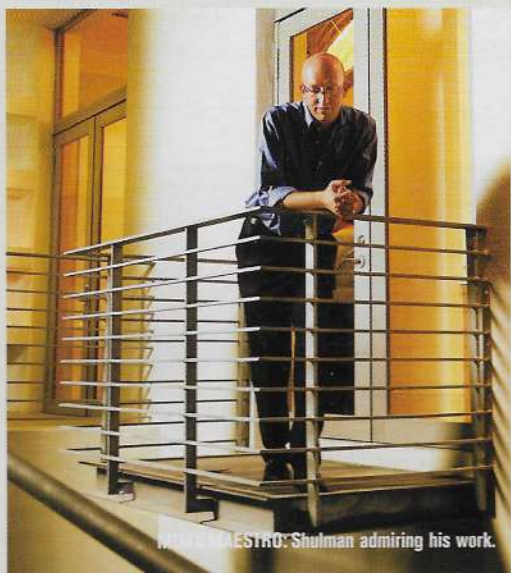


Yoshioka's limited-edition paper chairs, as seen at Design Miami.



## TELL Mi MoRE

Glinting glass towers may be the sexy symbols of Miami's hip vibe, but architect Allan Shulman is out to prove that preserving historic architecture can be just as juicy. Known for incorporating the classic MiMo philosophies with a contemporary twist, Shulman believes history teaches everything. "In the '50s and '60s, Miami was known as a resort city with spectacular hotels," he explains. "But there was another trend going on that was about getting back to the roots of climate and landscape to find some authenticity." For a dose of Shulman authenticity in '08, catch "Promises of Paradise," an exhibition staged at the Bass Museum of Art. [www.bassmuseum.org](http://www.bassmuseum.org).



ALLAN SHULMAN: Shulman admiring his work.



GET READY: Sirio's affordable luxury furnishings.

Trinity sideboard by Duncan.

## 8 HOT DESIGNS FOR '08

**1. WANDERFUL WALLS** What does the Mondrian, designed by Marcel Wanders and slated to open in April, have in common with Buckingham Palace and the White House? A porte-cochère. But with its Wandersonian flair, this isn't your grandmother's covered entryway. [www.mondriansouthbeach.com](http://www.mondriansouthbeach.com).

**2. MID-BEACH MAKEOVER** The hottest stretch of Collins Avenue will soon span from 22nd Street through 32nd Street. The W South Beach, Gansevoort South, Cipriani Ocean Resort and Ritz-Carlton Club and Residences are all rising within this 10-block expanse.

**3. PRINT FACTORY** Thought big, bold wallpapers went out with the '70s? Think again. Architect Alison Spivey loves them, Oscar Glottman thinks they're divine, and Trend USA has just debuted a new collection of transparent glass mosaic tile wallpaper called Liberty. [www.trendgroup-usa.com](http://www.trendgroup-usa.com).

**4. DUNCAN CHIC!** James Stuart Duncan is adding to his and wife Miriam's furniture line. Look for glistening gold and exquisite tailoring in items like the Trinity sideboard made of ebonized mahogany and bleached ash, at the Ammon Hickson showroom in DCOTA. [www.jamesstuartduncan.com](http://www.jamesstuartduncan.com).

**5. PRET-A-PORTR** Sam Robin and Francesco Caracciolo di Marano will debut a new line of Sirio furniture called Ready to Wear when 900 Biscayne Bay, a Terra Group project designed by architect Luis Revuelta and Robin, debuts in March. [www.sirio.tv](http://www.sirio.tv), [www.900biscaynebay.com](http://www.900biscaynebay.com).

**6. REGENCY PERIOD** When the Regent Bal Harbour opens on January 2, a soak in the tub will allow guests to soak in the view from European porcelain bathtubs that are set before floor-to-ceiling windows. The hotel will also bring a Guerlain Spa to 100 Collins Ave. [www.regenthotels.com/balharbour](http://www.regenthotels.com/balharbour).

**7. ORGONOMICS!** Check out the organic furniture line from Rotsen Design, a Brazilian company new to Wynwood (2328 N. Miami Ave.). As much as sculpture, the company's organic line includes a hefty Maciço bench. [www.rotsendesign.com](http://www.rotsendesign.com).

**8. URBAN UPGRADE** A \$40 million renovation at The Biltmore in Coral Gables includes a new restaurant and luxury spa, and a spectacular \$5 million golf course redesign and update. [www.biltmorehotel.com](http://www.biltmorehotel.com).