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UP AGAINST THE WALL
The Funk cabinet, \$2,750, by Per Soderberg for Asplund is one of the examples of the Scandinavian-heavy inventory at StudioTwentySeven.



AESTHETIC VALUES

From Scandinavian minimalism to Brazilian statement pieces, Miami's newest showrooms illustrate the endless possibilities of home decor.

By Riki Altman-Yee



COLOR TREATMENT
Meant to resemble distressed paint, this area rug, price upon request, from the Impressions line by J.D. Staron is one of many options at the company's new DCOTA showroom.

EUROPEAN ADVENTURE

To see, touch and possess high-end Scandinavian furnishings from designers who remain largely unknown in North America, there is literally only one place in Miami aesthetes can turn to: **StudioTwentySeven**. Nacho Polo, the concept's founder and creative director who also heads up the Miami showroom, presents collections of effortlessly cool, contemporary furniture, lighting, carpets and accessories (\$100 to \$115,000) from established brands like Asplund, Fjordfiesta, David Design, Gemla, Eldvarm, Røshults, Lyngby and Karakter in a way that makes locals feel like perhaps Denmark, Norway and Sweden are not so distant after all. Pieces designed by more familiar

names, like Piero Lissoni, Marc Newson, Achille Castiglioni, Tom Dixon, Joe Colombo and Nendo, add to the draw. *Miami showroom address available by appointment only. 305.613.9916. studiotwentyseven.com*

RARE FINDS

Hailing from somewhere around the equator, **Espasso** is a design gallery and furniture retailer showcasing modern Brazilian furniture and design objects often unavailable outside that South American country or made exclusively for the brand. The showroom's Ironside space is the first southeastern outpost and boasts items like the iconic Marquessa bench (\$16,700) by Oscar Niemeyer and the Petalas coffee table (\$11,500) by Jorge Zalszupin, along with Zanini de Zanini's Longo bench (\$9,450 to \$24,900) and Carlos Motta's Guará armchair (\$7,450). Brand founder and curator Carlos Junqueira promises more intriguing

treasures are forthcoming: "We are looking forward to presenting exhibitions of furniture, design objects and art by midcentury Brazilian masters and today's emerging Brazilian designers." *7500 NE Fourth Court, Ste. 102, Miami, 305.363.2040, espasso.com*

SECOND ACT

Kudos to Monroe Sherman for fulfilling his dream. The owner of the 45-year-old Carriage House at DCOTA in Dania Beach—a business originally started by his father—is in the process of opening an entirely new concept store dedicated entirely to design: **Theodore/Miami** will be packed with everything from collectible midcentury furnishings to dynamic contemporary fashion lines. The price points vary significantly, with everything from \$50 hostess gifts to \$50,000 sectionals on-site. Along with many of the products available for immediate delivery will be vintage pieces Sherman has amassed over the years. As impressive as the inventory is the showroom's size: two floors spread out over 11,000 square feet with free parking for customers, a coffee bar lounge and private areas for design consultations. *3620 N. Miami Place, Miami, 305.576.7373. theodore-miami.com*



TREASURE HUNT The Marquessa bench, \$16,700, by Oscar Niemeyer is one of the many covetable pieces by renowned Brazilian designers available at Espasso.

LOOK DOWN

True design connoisseurs know area rugs are not mere afterthoughts, but rather integral accessories that can anchor a room by adding color and texture. At **J.D. Staron**, the staff understands that all too well. Co-owner Jakub Staron travels the world to find the most luxurious yarns, concentrated dyes and skilled weavers, then entwines those elements to produce couture floor coverings that are meant to be noticed. ...CONTINUED