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THE EU OFFERS A SECOND CHANCE

BY DENIS MACSHANE



Albania	€1.00	Finland	€1.50	Israel	NIS 24.00	Netherlands	€4.50	Netherlands	€4.50
Austria	€4.50	France	€4.50	Italy	€4.50	Norway	NOK 42.00	Norway	NOK 42.00
Belgium	€4.50	Germany	€4.50	Kazakhstan	€4.40	Poland (incl. tax)	PLN 12.50	Poland (incl. tax)	PLN 12.50
Bulgaria	BGN 4.75	Gibraltar	€2.00	Latvia	€4.40	Portugal Cont.	€4.50	Portugal Cont.	€4.50
Croatia	KR 22.00	Greece	€4.50	Lithuania	€4.40	Romania	Lei 11.00	Romania	Lei 11.00
Cyprus	€4.50	Hungary	HUF 850.00	Luxembourg	€4.50	Russia	€4.40	Russia	€4.40
Czech Republic	CZK 10.00	Iceland	ISK 430.00	Malta	€4.50	Serbia	DIN 240	Serbia	DIN 240
Denmark	kr 39.00	Ireland (incl. tax)	€4.50	Montenegro	DIN 240	Slovakia	€4.50/SKRT35.00	Slovakia	€4.50/SKRT35.00

Sitting Pretty

BY ELISA MALA

EVEN THE MOST HUMORLESS SOUL might appreciate the understated wit of Sergio Rodrigues's business card, which depicts the squat, mustachioed octogenarian dozing away blissfully in a well-padded reclining chair. After all, the 82-year-old architect and interior designer has built a lively career out of cheeky chairs. In September, Rodrigues unveiled his latest creation: the Chifruda, inspired by his 1962 design the Aspas, of which only two were produced. Named after the Brazilian Portuguese slang word for a woman with a philandering husband, the oversize armchair features an imbue-wood frame and a seat, back, and armrests made of cowhide, along with an inverted, crown-level arc that resembles horns. A total of 40 pieces have been manufactured by the Brazilian design firm Mendes-Hirth (\$20,000; espasso.com).

More than any other article of furniture, the chair seems to be bucking the current climate of asceticism and frugality to take a boldly innova-

The Chifruda chair.

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