

# A League of Their Own

THESE **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN** DESIGNERS AND ARTISANS ARE JUST A FEW AMONG THE MANY WHO ARE CREATING THE WORLD'S MOST ERA-DEFINING FURNITURE AND DECORATIVE OBJECTS.

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**TURKEY**

Merve Kahraman



"I'm very nostalgic, which is perhaps why I was inspired by the Cassini-Huygens probe mission to Saturn when designing this lamp. I love working with natural and sustainable materials. Their defects are so beautiful."  
Cassini lamp, \$3,500. mervekahraman.com



**BRAZIL**

Carol Gay

"You can always find new ways to work with glass, which nowadays is my material of choice."  
Onda amplifier, \$600. carolgay.com.br



**NIGERIA**

Tosin Oshinowo

"I look to celebrate my Yoruban heritage in all my work, and I am constantly looking for ways to update classical aesthetics to make them modern."  
Àdùnní chair, \$1,390. ile-ila.com



**DENMARK**

Hilda Hellström

"The opposing ideas of control and chance are at the core of my work. With every choice I make, I also bow to the will of the materials and to that of gravity."  
The Inside plinth and vase, \$11,153. hildahellstrom.se



**NIGERIA**

Lani Adeoye

"My inspiration comes from my heritage. I research cultural objects and the traditional craft techniques of Nigeria."  
Talking stools, \$850 each. studio-lani.com



**ISRAEL**

Ayala Serfaty

"I enjoy infusing inanimate objects and materials with a sense of soul, one that reflects poetry, history, or the human body, which inspired this series of works."  
Soma: Wisteria, \$75,000. maisongerard.com



**LATVIA**

Ieva Kalēja

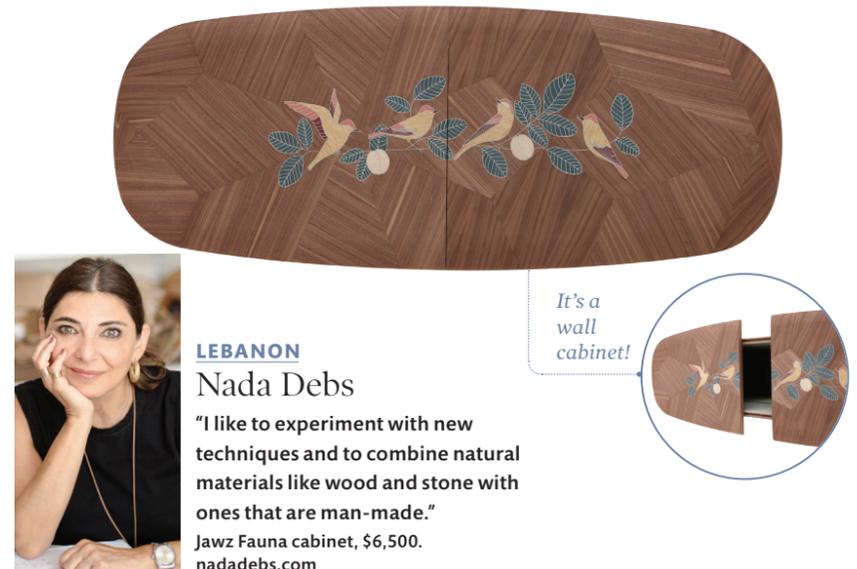
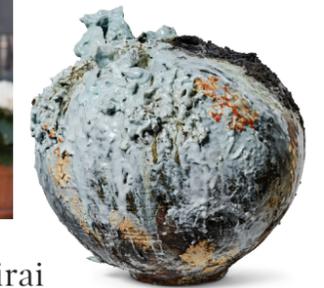
"This piece is a combination of the richest and poorest materials: gold and corroding steel. It is designed to provide a feeling of well-being and will add balance and harmony to any space."  
Queen lamp, \$1,544. mammalampa.com



**JAPAN**

Akiko Hirai

"I make up a narrative before designing new pieces. They do not have clear story lines, but they have emotional content. My work is produced in a half-deliberate and half-intuitive way."  
Day & Night, \$8,500. akikohiraiceramics.com

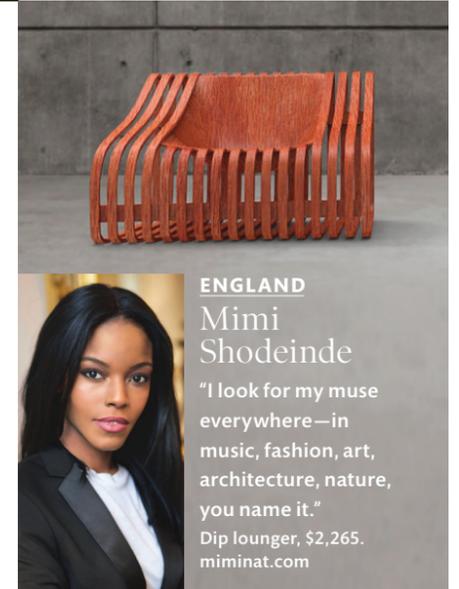


**LEBANON**

Nada Debs

"I like to experiment with new techniques and to combine natural materials like wood and stone with ones that are man-made."  
Jawz Fauna cabinet, \$6,500. nadadebs.com

It's a wall cabinet!



**ENGLAND**

Mimi Shodeinde

"I look for my muse everywhere—in music, fashion, art, architecture, nature, you name it."  
Dip lounge, \$2,265. miminat.com

KAHRAMAN: BERIL GULCAN; OSHINOWO: WITFCHAQ ABIA; GAY: MARCOS CIMARDI; HELLSTRÖM PORTRAIT: PETER CLAESSEN, HELLSTRÖM PRODUCT: ROSALINA KRUSE SERUP; ADEOYE: YINAN XIA; KALEJA: COURTESY OF IEVA KALEJA; DEBS: TEREK MOKADDEM; SERFATY: ELAD SARIG; HIRAI PORTRAIT: TRENT MCMINN, HIRAI PRODUCT: DANIEL DENT; SHODEINDE: ABIOLA RENE