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Furniture Design

1 BIKINI ISLAND

Designer: Werner Aisslinger, Berlin, Germany **Manufacturer:** Moroso
Bikini Island turns seating into a rich landscape, with daybeds, sofas, tables, pouffes – even tubular frames that support curtains and hanging planters – joining like pieces in a vibrant puzzle. It also introduces the multi-purpose furniture popular in flexible office environments to the living room, where

it attempts to move family living beyond the mono-sofa layout pointed at a TV screen. Variable heights and configurations enable everything from working to lounging. aisslinger.de, moroso.it

2 KONA

Designer: Miles Keller, Toronto, Ontario **Manufacturer:** Dystil

In Toronto, the white ash species is threatened by the emerald ash borer. A furniture maker who has found creative

reuse for the felled trees, Miles Keller has designed Kona, a chaise longue that evokes another item typically made from white ash: snowshoes. Named after the Cree word for snow, Kona features a steam-bent frame spanned by leather mesh, which is CNC cut and held in place using wooden wedges and slots, along with copper rivets. dystil.ca

3 STACK BUFFET

Designer: Héctor Esrawe, Mexico City,

Mexico Manufacturer: Esrawe Studio
Stack Buffet is a study in contrasts, between light and dark materials, clean and chaotic elements. It was designed in the studio of Hector Esrawe and constructed with three types of lacquered wood: walnut, oak and tazalem. Floating atop a two-piece, cross-shaped base, the console is anchored at one end by a cabinet with two drawers that suggests playfully haphazard stacked trays. esrawe.com