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Brasilia  
Home of the new diplomacy



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**Preface**

From recent designs to upcoming creations – as well as some tricky-to-locate classics – here's *Monocle's* pick of the best furniture and accessories for fitting out a new flat, summer escape and comfy office.

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# Top 25 Products

01

**Me table, Tobias Jacobsen**

Grandson of legendary Danish designer Arne Jacobsen, Tobias Jacobsen has come up with a functional office furniture solution. The desktop's ample workspace is paired with a separate four-drawer unit to store files and documents. Designed for family-run Spanish firm Martinez Otero, tobiasjacobsen.dk

03

**Bar block, Henrybuilt**

Seattle-based kitchen and storage system company Henrybuilt draws on traditional American cabinetmaking skills. Its bar block storage module is handmade from solid wood with three integrated chopping boards and specifications can be tailored for your needs. henrybuilt.com

02

**Alle chair, Luca Nichetto**

Launched at last year's Salone del Mobile, Italian design brand Skitsch will roll out around 50 products at this year's fair. One of these items is Venetian designer Luca Nichetto's chair Alle, which has a wooden seat with an unusual faded effect. skitsch.it

04

**Cord chair, Nendo x Maruni**

Made from hollow pieces of wood that cover a metal frame, the legs of this chair are a very slim 15mm in diameter. Handmade in collaboration with Hiroshima-based manufacturer Maruni Wood Industry, its inner metal wiring makes it surprisingly sturdy. maruni.com

**1** Me table  
Denmark



**2** Alle chair  
Italy



**3** Bar block  
USA



**7** Leafy Green Stool  
USA



**8** Landstuhl  
Switzerland



**9** Marumi chair  
Japan

