

Nelson Navarro on High Society and the Rise of Poor Taste

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JESS WILSON IN THE FLESH photographed by bj pascual

THE DEVIL'S IN THE DETAILS THE MYSTERIOUS CASE OF IMELDA MARCOS' DECORATOR

FRESH CUTS EIGHT DESIGNERS READY TO KILL THE COMPETITION



Featuring Caracole's Hudson Sofa from the Modern Uptown Upholstery Collection

WINDS OF CHANGE

Inspired by diverse cultures, Caracole steers global aesthetics toward simple, elegant designs

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"TURN A NEW leaf"—a fresh start, a resolution to change oneself for the better, a shift in perspective or direction. Alternatively, it is the name of a buffet cabinet that brings together world cultures, lifestyles, and travel scenes into a design statement. Dotting Koto wood from West Africa are champagne-colored leaves assembled in contemporary arabesque patterns, inspired by Japanese

wallpapers. With a shimmering silkscreen finish, custom crystal hardware, and golden accents, the four-door piece exudes understated elegance.

"Turn A New Leaf" embodies the Caracole philosophy: a beautiful turn in a new direction. By definition, "caracole" refers to a slow, turning movement. In the equestrian sport of dressage, it is the graceful half-turn executed by the horse and its rider. For the American furniture brand, they aim to steer interior design toward new and exciting directions, with unique silhouettes, meticulous craftsmanship, and exclusive materials. As an added surprise, functional elements—charging stations, storage options, and security features, to name a few—are strategically incorporated into the designs, hidden from sight to maintain each piece's beauty.

Caracole's signature items include: the

matte metallic Sociable and Socialite cocktail tables, whose details on the lower stretcher have been the brand's signature pattern since 2009; the Lattice Entertain You sofa set, with its exposed wood frame and an open Moroccan-inspired fretwork design on each arm panel; and the Ice Breaker lounge chair, with its custom-engineered frame in a Gold Bullion metal tone and a micro-herringbone pattern in off-white linen-blend fabric.

The brand's new showroom (3/F, Greenbelt 5) brings their international presence to more than 70 locations in 40 countries worldwide. It features pieces from the Caracole Classic and Modern portfolios, addressing a wide range of consumers. Design enthusiasts can also look forward to the bespoke Caracole Signature collection, inspired by regal style and crafted from elegant materials and highly polished finishes. ■