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# Inside

LIFESTYLE & INTERIORS



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*Inside* Kiawah Island Oasis, a team of South Carolina talents crafted a refined coastal retreat that blends Lowcountry tradition with contemporary design. Architects Robbie and Abby Lesslie, designers Allison Elebash and Natalie Whicker, builder Matt Byrd, and landscape architect Cindy Cline collaborated to shape a home where nature, craftsmanship, and modern living flow seamlessly together.



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# OSWESOS

A SUSPENDED MOMENT BETWEEN NATURE AND ARCHITECTURE, TIMELESS AND WEIGHTLESS.

I'd like to sit on the porch overlooking the lake on my down days, or have a cup of coffee in the kitchen nook when words need to find me. Or perhaps, lay in bed watching birds soar above the tall trees. That's what one imagines this kind of home holds—spaces to draw memories, to quiet the noise, and simply to be.

Homes like this aren't just about architecture or design; they're about intention. Every curve, every window, every detail is placed with purpose. The porch isn't only for shade—it becomes a frame for reflection. The nook isn't only for dining—it's a space that encourages presence. The bedroom isn't only for sleep—it transforms into a lens onto the living landscape, where nature becomes art.

What makes a home extraordinary isn't its grandeur, but how it shapes life within it. It's in the pause a curved doorway creates, in the soft wash of morning light across a plaster wall, in the way a seat feels tucked beneath the canopy of a tree. These are the moments where architecture dissolves into experience, and design becomes memory.

This is why we celebrate such homes. Not because they impress from the outside, but because they hold us inside—quietly, meaningfully, and with the kind of grace that lingers long after we leave.









# MOODBOARD 131 | SABBIA

SANDY HUES ANCHOR ROOMS WITH SOFTNESS, CALM, AND ORGANIC GROUNDING.

This Kiawah Island retreat embodies modern coastal sophistication through a carefully curated palette of four primary hues: earthy carnelian, French blue, sandy brown, and ecru. Natural materials dominate the scheme, from hand-applied plaster walls to aged brass hardware and patina-finished steel doors. Custom millwork by local Charleston craftsmen features subtle reeded textures, while patterned terra-cotta tiles ground key spaces. Soapstone fireplaces and wide-plank oak flooring add organic warmth, complemented by handwoven textiles and bespoke furniture pieces. The overall aesthetic balances clean contemporary lines with rich tactile elements, creating spaces that feel both refined and deeply connected to the surrounding Lowcountry landscape.

A modern interior space featuring large glass doors with dark frames. The doors are partially open, revealing a bright, minimalist interior with white walls and a wooden ceiling. A patterned rug is visible in the foreground. The text "ATELIER" is written in a large, white, outlined font across the top, and "BRNAT" is written in a large, white, solid font across the middle. The word "UREL" is partially visible at the bottom.

# ATELIER

# BRNAT

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# ARTISANAL AUTHENTICITY

Hidden along a quiet stretch of riverfront on South Carolina's Kiawah Island lies a home that captures the essence of Lowcountry living while embracing contemporary design sensibilities. What began as an unassuming waterfront lot has been transformed into a sophisticated family retreat that seamlessly blends indoor and outdoor living—all completed within the ambitious timeline of a daughter's upcoming wedding celebration.

The project brought together a formidable team of South Carolina talent, each contributing their expertise to create something truly exceptional. Husband-and-wife architects Robbie Lesslie and Abby Freeman Lesslie of Cumulus Architecture + Design approached the design with deep respect for the existing landscape, while interior designers Allison Elebash and Natalie Whicker of Allison Elebash Interior Design created spaces that feel both refined and utterly livable. Builder Matt Byrd of Byrd Builders Inc. executed the vision with precision, and landscape architect Cindy Cline of Wertimer + Cline ensured the grounds spoke to the home's material palette. The Lesslies' architectural approach began with careful observation of the site's mature live oaks. Rather than clearing the lot, they measured individual branches and oriented the roofline to fit precisely beneath the existing canopy. This thoughtful response to nature established the home's organic relationship with its surroundings—a philosophy that extends throughout the design. The residence features distinctive curved plaster chimneys and arched doorways that create a sense of gentle movement throughout the interior. Nonlinear passageways offer natural moments for pause, while expansive windows frame views of saw palmettos and spartina grass swaying in coastal breezes.

A floor-to-ceiling glass wall in the living room dissolves the boundary between interior and exterior spaces, while the kitchen's banquette arrangement allows diners to feel immersed in the surrounding sabal palm fronds. This connection to the outdoors was paramount for the owners—a couple whose adult children had flown the nest, leaving them free to pursue their dream of relaxed coastal living.

Working within an expedited timeline, Elebash and Whicker focused on creating interiors that would feel timeless rather than trendy. Their four-color palette—earthy carnelian, French blue, sandy brown, and ecru—provides cohesion throughout the home while allowing the surrounding landscape to take center stage. The designers' commitment to local craftsmanship is evident in every room, with custom kitchen cabinetry featuring subtle reeded textures for added dimension, while aged brass hardware and patina-finished steel doors introduce layers of warmth.

Hand-applied plaster by Jessica Kollar envelops the living room's soapstone fireplace, creating a focal point that feels both contemporary and organic. Bespoke furnishings by Charleston woodworkers Robert Paige, Tyler Jaworski, and Eric Brooks appear throughout the residence, each piece chosen for its ability to complement the home's refined yet comfortable aesthetic. In the primary bathroom, patterned terra-cotta tiles by Commune for Exquisite Surfaces ground the space, while artisanal touches like hand-forged botanical artwork by Anne Blackwell Thompson add sculptural interest to the owners' suite.

The three-story primary wing exemplifies the architects' thoughtful approach to family living. The owners' bedroom occupies the central level, with stairs descending to convenient storage and ascending to separate his-and-her home offices. This vertical arrangement creates privacy while maintaining connection to the home's communal spaces. Each guest bedroom includes an en suite bathroom and carefully framed views, ensuring visiting family members feel equally welcomed when the couple's three daughters and their families come to stay.

The open kitchen and living areas provide generous space for entertaining, anchored by custom millwork that adds warmth without overwhelming the clean-lined aesthetic. Here, the designers' philosophy of avoiding anything that came from a box store becomes most apparent—every element from the dining table to the lighting fixtures was carefully selected or custom-made to contribute to the home's authentic character.

Cline's landscape design reinforces the home's connection to its coastal setting through plantings that echo the surrounding marsh grasses and mature oaks. Rather than competing with the natural environment, her selections complement the architectural materials and create seamless transitions between cultivated and wild spaces. The deep-water dock extends the home's living space to the water's edge, providing sunset viewing and boat access that was essential to the owners' vision of Lowcountry life.

Perhaps most remarkable is how this level of detail and craftsmanship was achieved under significant time pressure. The design team's ability to complete the project with just one week to spare before the wedding festivities speaks to both their expertise and collaborative working relationship. The finished home proves that contemporary design can honor regional traditions while meeting the needs of modern family life. By prioritizing natural materials, local craftsmanship, and thoughtful siting, the team created a residence that feels both current and timeless—a true retreat that adapts gracefully whether it's hosting intimate dinners or multi-generational celebrations.

























# THE KITCHEN *EDIT*

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The kitchen serves as the home's social heart, anchored by custom cabinetry with distinctive reeded detailing that adds dimension while maintaining clean lines. Rich walnut tones warm the space, complemented by countertops that echo the home's natural material palette. A generous island provides both prep space and casual dining, while the adjacent banquette nestles into a bay window surrounded by sabal palm fronds, creating an intimate breakfast nook that feels immersed in nature. Floor-to-ceiling windows flood the space with natural light, eliminating any sense of enclosure despite the kitchen's substantial size. Professional-grade appliances integrate seamlessly with the custom millwork, including a statement range hood clad in natural stone. Brass hardware throughout echoes the home's aged metal accents, while open shelving displays artisanal ceramics and glassware. The design successfully balances serious cooking functionality with the relaxed entertaining style essential to Lowcountry living.

## ARTIGIANO

*Custom cabinetry reveals craftsmanship, adding dimension through reeded textures.*



























# INSIDEMODE INTIMO

*A cozy nook offering intimacy within the open kitchen environment.*



Tucked into a bay window, the kitchen banquette becomes a destination rather than just a seat. Surrounded by swaying sabal palm fronds, the nook creates the illusion of dining in nature while remaining firmly anchored indoors. Its curved silhouette and layered cushions introduce softness to the clean architectural lines, balancing comfort with refinement. More than a place to share meals, the banquette embodies the home's design philosophy—seamless connection to the outdoors, intimacy within openness, and craftsmanship that feels bespoke. It's a reminder that true luxury is not grand gestures, but thoughtful details that embrace daily living.

*Inside*

CATALOGUE

# LIVINGSTYLE



## FRENCH CLUB CHAIR

1930s Parisian Club Chair features pared down line-work with gently sloping arms.

NICKEY KEHOE

The Round Bobbin Side Table from Sussex based furniture designer and maker Alfred Newall offers a whimsical yet elegant twist on 17th century spool furniture by **Alfred Newall**.

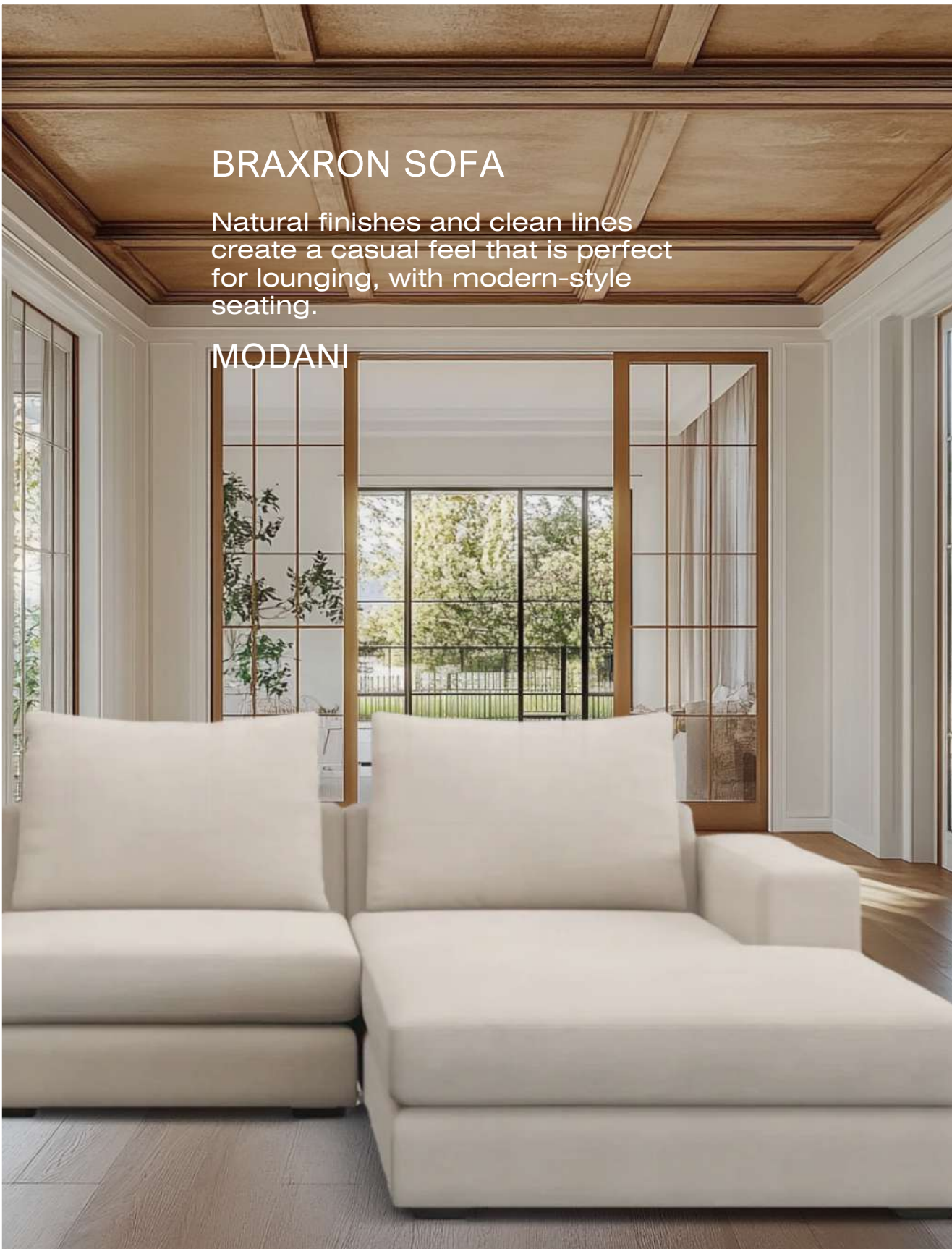


## ORGANIC NESTING COFFEE TABLES

Pair of nesting coffee tables with organic sculptural forms in walnut.

LAST WORKSHOP

# LOUNGESTYLE



## BRAXRON SOFA

Natural finishes and clean lines create a casual feel that is perfect for lounging, with modern-style seating.

## MODANI



The Fudo Floor Lamp is made of wrought iron in a Mole black finish. This creates contrast with the polished concrete base that anchors it by **Christopher Collection**.

## RIVER FABRIC STOOL

A simple and luxe fabric upholstered stool in a modern grey lined tone and design.

## TATE HOME

# DININGSTYLE



STELLA DINING TABLE

Sculptural round oak dining table blending flat top and wavy pedestal base.

SCHUMACHER EDITIONS



POLA CHAIR

A gorgeous chair crafted from eucalyptus and faux-rattan, sustainably FSC-certified.

KAVE HOME



Classic chandelier featuring iron frame, white linen shades, and refined structure by **Four Hands**.

# KITCHENSTYLE



## LLOYD STOOL

Solid wood stool with leather-wrapped backrest, brass rungs, and recessed cushion.

## CRUMP & KWASH

Scandinavian polished brass wall light, sculptural form combining functionality and modern elegance designed by **Josef Frank**.



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# BEDROOMSTYLE



## ANDOVER BED

Elegant low-profile bed with Indonesian mahogany frame and ribbon-striped sapele veneer.

ETHAN ALLEN

Amore Swivel, Upholstered in the lush fabric Lyssa off-white, this lovely organically shaped sofa is both comfortable and beautiful by **House of Isabella**



## THEO DRAWER

Elegant 6-drawer dresser with mother-of-pearl inlays and polished brass accents.

JUDITH LEIBER

# BATHROOMSTYLE



## KENSINGTON VANITY

Elegant freestanding vanity with fluted birch, Carrara marble top, and brass legs.

## HIGHBURY



## DUNTON BATH

Sleek gloss white drop-in bathtub with modern design and easy maintenance.

## BATHA



Elegant round aluminum side table with matte brass finish and slender pedestal by **Lulu & Georgia**.

# THE OUTDOOR *EDIT*

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The exterior spaces extend the home's sophisticated aesthetic into the landscape through carefully orchestrated plantings and materials that complement the architecture. Landscape architect Cindy Cline selected native species that echo the surrounding marsh grasses and mature live oaks, creating seamless transitions between cultivated and wild areas. Weathered wood decking and natural stone pathways guide circulation while maintaining the home's organic material palette. The deep-water dock functions as an additional outdoor room, providing sunset viewing and boat access with built-in seating that encourages lingering. Pool areas feature the same reeded textures found in the interior millwork, translated into exterior materials that weather gracefully in the coastal environment. Outdoor furniture in natural fibers and aged metals mirrors the interior's sophisticated comfort. Strategic lighting illuminates pathways and key plantings after dark, while the home's curved architectural elements create intimate gathering spaces. The result is a landscape that feels both cultivated and effortlessly connected to Kiawah's natural beauty.

## SELVAGGIO

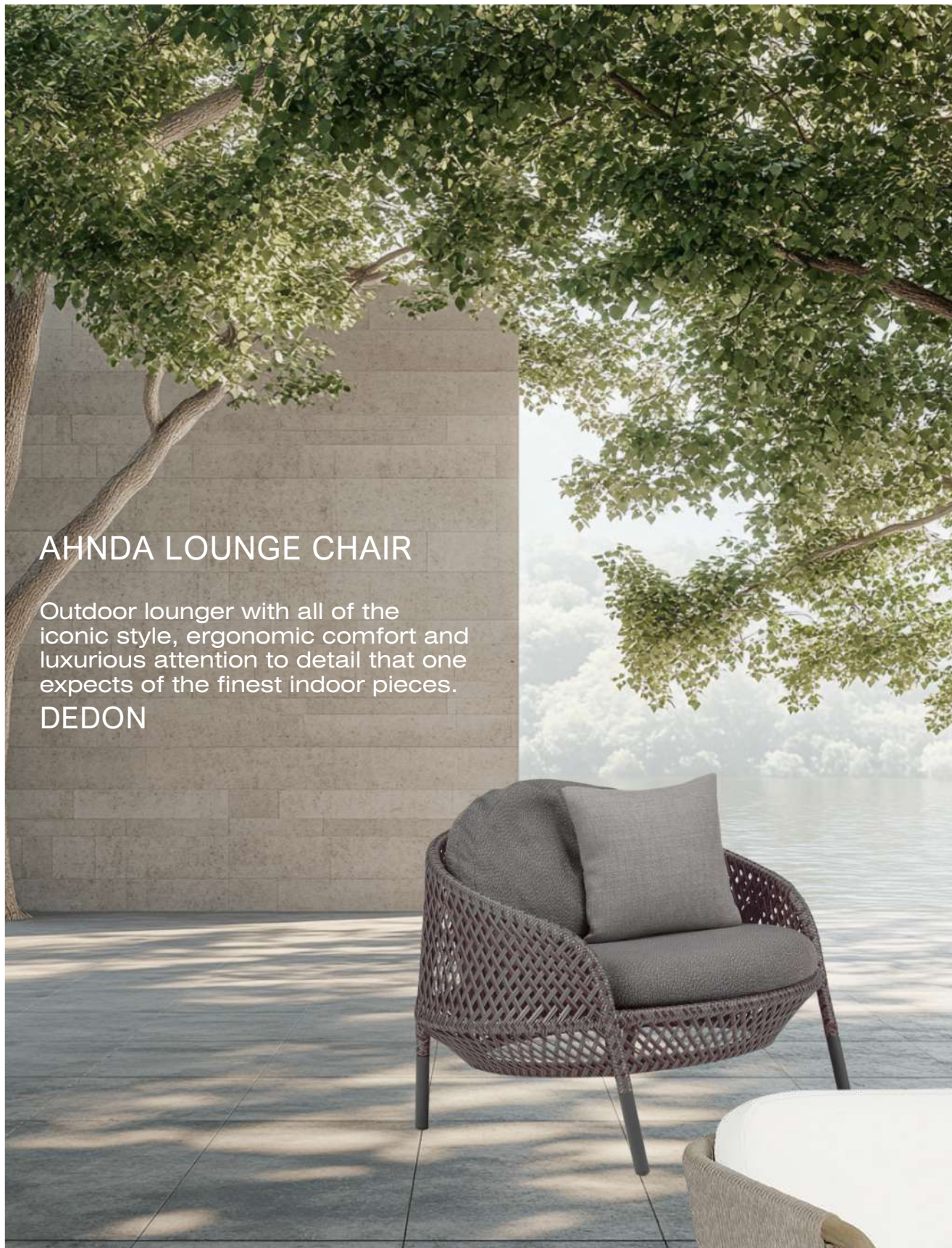
*Wild beauty meets refined landscaping, a seamless Lowcountry composition.*







# OUTDOORSTYLE



## AHNDA LOUNGE CHAIR

Outdoor lounge with all of the iconic style, ergonomic comfort and luxurious attention to detail that one expects of the finest indoor pieces.  
**DEDON**

A comfortable luxe style chair. Crafted from weather-resistant materials, like the solid teak frame and all-weather rope, it ensures longevity and easy maintenance by **Pure Salt**.



## ARKIPELAGO DINING TABLE

Natural oak outdoor table in a modern Scandi style frame and structure.

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A full-page background image of a modern interior. The space features a high ceiling with exposed wooden beams and two minimalist pendant lights. Large floor-to-ceiling windows in the center offer a view of lush greenery. To the left, a fireplace with a blue and white geometric tile surround is visible. The room is furnished with a grey sofa, a patterned armchair, and a dark wood coffee table. In the foreground, a wooden coffee table holds a vase of purple flowers and a white ceramic dish. The floor is covered with a patterned rug.

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# THROUGH INTERIORS AND ARCHITECTURE

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Design is a canvas, and the brush is in our hands. Every choice, every stroke shapes the direction, breathing life into spaces and products that tell a story. This is what inspires me—to create with intention, to craft environments that feel alive. For design communities worldwide, this is more than work; it's our shared narrative.

LEPANG FERGUSON



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