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# Show Off!



## Made-to-Measure Modern

After 15 years of custom-designing furniture for his clients, Chicago interior designer **Michael Richman** had created a bona fide furniture line, if only in his portfolio. Now he's taking his designs (which he describes as having "a mid-century provenance, but updated") to the next level: manufacturing a small, eponymous collection and selling it through yet-to-be-determined galleries and his firm's Web site. "I plan on taking an artistic approach and doing some of the pieces in editions," he says. "There's such a definitive look to the furniture at the Mart; a custom piece feels so much more special." Expect upholstered furniture, consoles and tables, and interesting applications of Lucite, which, he says, you won't find much of at the Mart. Shown here: a wood credenza with a lacquered surround, Lucite base, and stainless-steel-framed drawer fronts with woven raffia insets. Available through **Michael Richman Interiors**, 312-755-1551; [richmaninteriors.com](http://richmaninteriors.com)

## Sitting Pretty

You've got your mod crib and bouncy chair, but are you ready for the toddler years and beyond? **Ligne Roset** is making sure your devastatingly modern infant doesn't miss a beat when it comes to his development in the design department. The French company just issued its popular foam Togo chair in pint sizes: the Baby Togo (\$645) for ages two to four and the Mini Togo (\$880) for ages five to 12. After that, the little rascal is allowed on *your* Togo. Maybe. **Ligne Roset**, 440 N. Wells St., 312-222-9300



## Wood Stock

With everything wooden and stumplike all the rage these days, it's not surprising that Italy-based sculptor **Ernst Gamperl's** handcrafted Italian oak vases and bowls (\$600-\$1,200) are flying off the shelves at Morlen Sinoway's Fulton Market gallery. But what makes these vessels different is the artist's touch. Gamperl hand-turns each vessel while the wood is wet, resulting in unique and truly organic shapes. **Morlen Sinoway Atelier**, 1052 W. Fulton Mkt., 312-432-0100

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