

Going Global

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The adage "the world gets smaller every day" increasingly applies to home furnishings. As the Internet and news media expose us to remote corners of the globe, those who design products for the home are expanding their influences, embracing aesthetics that spring from diverse cultures.



CALLING ALL DREAMERS

The Horn floor lamp by Aqua Creations has a timeless, almost tribal feel. Entirely handmade, it also has definite contemporary sensibilities. Israeli designer Ayala Serfaty designed the lamp, which is made from silk that is gathered and stretched over metal. In seven dreamy colors (cream, smoke, sky, grass, gold, flame and dark), the Horn lamp is 63" tall and accommodates compact fluorescent bulbs; \$2,385. Log onto www.aquagallery.com to view the complete line or stop by their showroom in the New York Design Center at 200 Lexington Avenue (Suite 436); 212-219-4042.



YOUR JUNGLE OR MINE?

Terra Do Brazil is introducing a new line of furniture to the American market called the Brazilian Landscape Collection. Renewable and sustainable materials were used to create the dramatic bed, as well as coffee and side tables, a sofa and side chair. The Brazilian Landscape line is constructed with tied bundles of a fast-growing wood vine known as *vime* (pronounced vim-ee) and is manufactured without chemical finishes or processes. The queen-size, low profile platform bed has a wood-slat support system and two built-in bedside tables. It measures 88" long x 80" wide x 14" high, \$4,000. Log onto www.terradobrazil.com to see the other furniture in this unique line, or call 305-436-6663 to request a catalog.



A SIP OF THE SUBLIME

For a table setting as cool as the northeastern ocean waters this time of year, look no further than the Phuze sushi dish, chopsticks and martini glass in aqua blue. Designed by Orfeo Quagliata, an industrial designer and founder of Phuze, the glass ensemble flaunts its Asian influence without apology. Sushi dish, \$125; chopsticks, \$125; martini glass, \$75. Visit www.SublimeAmericanDesign.com or the distributor's showroom at 26 Varick Street in Manhattan. Call first for retail hours as they vary from season to season; 212-941-8888.