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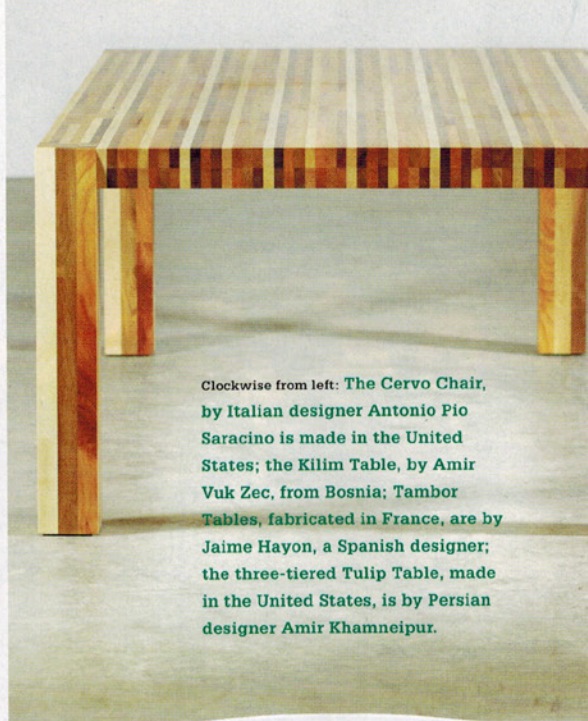
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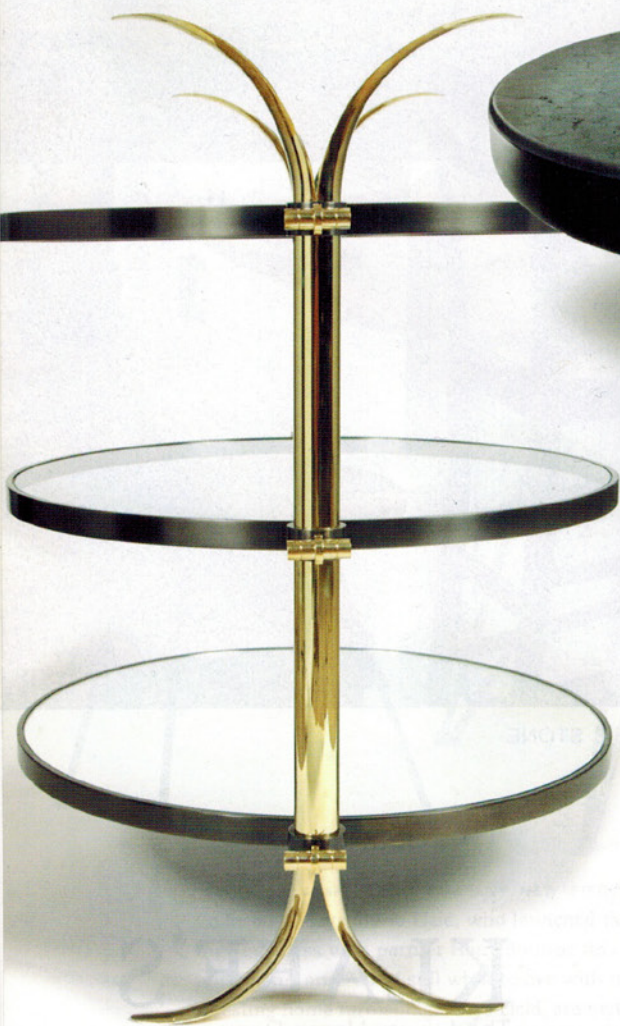
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Clockwise from left: The Cervo Chair, by Italian designer Antonio Pio Saracino is made in the United States; the Killim Table, by Amir Vuk Zec, from Bosnia; Tambor Tables, fabricated in France, are by Jaime Hayon, a Spanish designer; the three-tiered Tulip Table, made in the United States, is by Persian designer Amir Khamneipur.



a matter of months. Unlike haute couture, quality furniture, lighting, rugs, and home accessories are investments that require a long-term vision.

An architectural engineer by training, a modernist by nature, and a world traveler by choice, Elcid explores the globe with Boutros, a friend for 11 years, in search of pieces to bring home to their New York gallery.

Like a lot of successful creative and business enterprises, the idea for Mondo Collection developed from a personal need. "I had a new apartment in New York and was shopping for myself, but everything I found was either out of my price range or 'more of the same,'" Elcid explains. "But when I would travel to Europe and the Middle East—Italy or Lebanon or London or Portugal—I would discover new designers who were respected in their countries but unknown here. There were things I loved and wanted to live with." Problem was, it wasn't practical to get a container and arrange shipping for just a few items. Knowing others must feel the way he did, Elcid teamed with Boutros to shop the world with more than themselves in mind. "You should be able to get the best of everything in the world right here in New York," says Elcid. "We are helping to make that happen." ~ See Resources.

quality (not nationality)

The Mondo Mission: "We think that design is universal. Nationalities do not come into consideration in our choices. We are working with designers from all parts of the world—Singapore, Spain, Italy, Iran, Bosnia, Nepal, Argentina, Egypt, Canada, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Belgium, United States, and more. Our designers range in age from 24 to 82."