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A glass tower defines
the exterior of Will Arnett's
prefab-hybrid home.



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Resurrection Fern

Some would describe New Orleans as hot and humid. I tend to think of it as a liquid landscape, existing on the precipice of gulf, river, lake, groundwater, and atmospheric precipitation. The cathedral of live oak trees in New Orleans is astounding. I love the plethora of species that live symbiotically with the oaks, especially the resurrection fern (*Pleopeltis polypodioides*). To me, the resurrection fern is more than a symbol of resilience; it models a biomimetic solution for the future. It acts as a living sponge that intercepts rainfall where it lands, going from dry dormancy to green lushness within hours of a rain event. This is what our cities must become—not concrete-laden watershed superhighways, but networks of “green infrastructure” capable of adapting to variable climatic conditions and modulating the pollutants and flooding in our urban environments.

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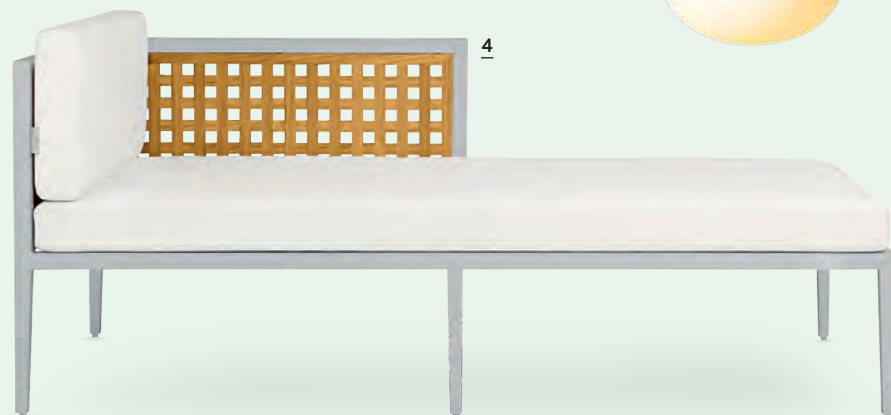
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For Lounge Potatoes . . .

who practically take up residence by the pool.



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Pillow

All-weather furniture isn't always comfy, which is why good pillows are essential. CB2's Be Who We Are pillow (\$60) has a textured knit pattern that screams “indoors only,” but can survive outside thanks to a water-repellent finish.

2

Chair

Available in a few showy colors, soon to include this blueberry-ish hue, Offi's Low Rider lounge (\$399) is made entirely of recyclable, rotational-molded, low-density polyethylene. A drainage hole helps it withstand nasty weather.

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Light

With a 16-foot-long swagged cord, the Hoist pendant (from \$590, with steel shade) can hang from a covered area and reach faraway outlets with ease. Meyer Davis created the light for fellow New Yorkers Rich Brilliant Willing.

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Chaise

The Hatch module chaise (\$6,082), designed by Michael Vanderbyl for Janus et Cie, is inspired by classic sailing yachts. The powder-coated aluminum frame comes in white or silver and pairs with a teak seat and back.