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THE GREAT OUTDOORS

The latest launches offer an inside-out approach to outdoor living. Create alfresco rooms with luxe lounges and opulent textures—or a playful outdoor bed or bath to truly enjoy life under the sky.

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By Phebe Wahl

SITA SPELL Outdoor Zoe queen chair, \$1,650, mainlybaskets.com HANC AROUND Outdoor Cacao swing in handmade crochet and UV-protected yarn with Burnese teak wood, \$1,250, by lota at 1stelibs.com

> SWEET DREAMS Boxwood daybeel, \$19,545, Janus et Cie, theMART, janusetcie.com

ROUND ABOUT Woven charger, \$24, jennikayne.com

SOAK IT UP

Mendocino NativeStone free-standing soaking tub \$8,800, by Native Trails a Studio41, shopstudio41.co nativetrailshome.com



like smoked glass and laminated sheers to warm up the room. The Konstant team also considered the practical, down to the usually hidden breakfast bar that, when open, serves coffee and toast for one or a crowd.

"The family room was inspired by a trip they took to Africa," Natalie says, "It works with the rest of the house, but it's more intimate." She's referring to framed family photos and art of African wildlife, plus a supercomfortable sectional—covered in a Janus et Cie outdoor fabric to be worry-free. And, indeed, the rest of the home continues to be luxurious but still very personal, from the daughters' bedrooms, which reflect each of their personalities, to the master bedroom, which is a study in serenity. The husband's office has for sure sparked a lot of guy envy with its three built-in TVs and red leather chairs inspired by a cigar bar.

"We feel really lucky to have them as clients," Natalie says. "They're kind and appreciative, plus they understand the process and what a difference small details can make." The homeowners are equally effusive in their praise for the Konstant team members. "I would say the one word that describes our relationship is trust," the wife says. "Paul trusts our tastes and we trust his tastes. We're in this together, and we appreciate that Paul is tireless to get it right." Indeed, the team works so well together that they've embarked on their fourth project: a lake house in Michigan that will be close to their daughter who just got married. The wife adds with a laugh, "It's obviously been a great experience or we wouldn't be doing another house with them!" •

