



GALERIE HALF'S SOULFUL MIX

"Choosing furniture is like choosing friends," says interior designer and Galerie Half co-owner Clifford Fong. "It can be hard to pinpoint what makes a good friend great, but there's always an x factor that makes the best stand out." It's this ineffable quality that he and Cameron Smith seek in the antiques they acquire for their Los Angeles boutique. Many champion eclectic chic, but here the all-era arrangements—say, a Gustavian chest topped with an American Primitive

vase—glow with an inner harmony that defies expectation. "I look for a common thread that runs through different periods," Fong explains. "Maybe a nailhead that picks up on a certain aged leather, or a sculptural form." The key, he stresses, is only using pieces that look and feel authentic. "You could shop every market in the world, but if you don't choose something with a soul, it's easy to lose sight of your aesthetic goals." 6911 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles. 323-424-3866; galeriehalf.com.



TROUSSEAU-WORTHY

Vermont-based textile designer Susan Dollenmaier uses her own collection of antique linens as an inspiration archive. A hand-applied 2" lace border gives her crisp Martina Percale an irresistibly Victorian flourish. Queen pillowcase, \$165; queen set, \$825.888-230-5388; anichini.com.

APRÈS SEATING

The black faux-leather accents provide a pleasing contrast to the sleek aluminum of Janus et Cie's Neutra Armchair, recalling the warm modernism of California's midcentury master Richard Neutra himself. \$2,399. 800-245-2687; janusetcie.com.

OPPOSITES ATTRACT

Vanderhurd uses a one-of-a-kind technique for its graphic Chevron Onyx & Ivory Penta, juxtaposing hand-woven and hand-knotted silks for texture that's both tactile and visual. Price upon request. 212-213-6541; vanderhurd.com.



RUGGED BEAUTY

THE INVERLUSSA PALM BOX. HANDCRAFTED BY **BROTHER-AND-SISTER** TEAM MCKINNON AND HARRIS IN THEIR VIRGINIA WORKSHOP. LOOKSLIKEA CHARMING COUNTRY PLANTER.IN FACT IT'S MADE OF POWDER-COATED **ALUMINUM THAT** WITHSTANDS THE TOUGHEST ELEMENTS. 271/2" X 30". \$6,200,804-358-

2385; MCKINNONAND-

HARRIS.COM.

REFINED RELAXATION

Used together, the Directoire Chaise Longue and Pouf by Moissonnier add up to more than six feet of French-inspired elegance: lacquered beech frame, lean gray-and-white stripes, Sphinx sculptures supporting the armrests. Chaise, \$18,000; pouf, \$4,000. 800-431-4455; decorative crafts.com.







