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## SAVOIR FLAIR

*Some of the most interesting furniture pieces coming out of France at the moment have been created by architects and interior designers. These are three examples that stand out*



### 38 Le Berre Vevaud

Having met as students in the mid Nineties, Raphaël Le Berre and Thomas Vevaud teamed up in 2008 to create their own studio. Their furniture line, launched in 2016 and sold through The Invisible Collection, mixes abstract and geometric forms in a way that brings to mind the post-modern work of Ettore Sottsass. This look is very much in vogue right now, but Le Berre Vevaud treats it with restraint, using a gentle colour palette that feels far more contemporary – and a little more French. The pieces shown here are the ‘Ossa Folding Screen’ and ‘Goa Bench’. [berrevevau.com](http://berrevevau.com) | [theinvisiblecollection.com](http://theinvisiblecollection.com)



### 39 Pool

Set up a decade ago by Léa Padovani and Sébastien Kieffer, this multidisciplinary studio produces extraordinary pieces that could work as well in a gallery as in a home. A case in point is this sculptural ‘Achille’ chair from Pool’s 2019 debut collection for Théorème Éditions. The chair, which is made in numbered and signed editions, is covered in wool and alpaca bouclé, and anchored by a copper cube. It will be on display at Mint, SW3, during London Design Festival (September 12-20). [poolstudio.fr](http://poolstudio.fr) | [theoremeditions.com](http://theoremeditions.com) | [mintshop.co.uk](http://mintshop.co.uk)



### 40 Agathe Labaye

This young architect came onto our radar recently with her 21st-meets-19th-century revamp of the Hôtel de Pourtalès in Paris. (It was due a bit of good press after Kim Kardashian was robbed there at gunpoint in 2016.) The suites may be filled with pieces by the likes of Charlotte Perriand and Le Corbusier, but holding its own is furniture designed for the hotel by Agathe and her partner, the artist Florian Sumi. These elegant pieces, made from various marbles and lacquered steel, are now being produced for sale. [agathelabaye.com](http://agathelabaye.com)

