

# The outsiders

When lounging about under the sun, go for out and out luxury.

**T**he trend for five-star hotel styling is offering a new level of outdoor comfort and design. In many cases, today's outdoor furniture is as deluxe as anything you'd find inside, with a slew of modern multi-piece suites and shapely modular units that combine neutral fabrics with natural fibres. The January sales offer a great opportunity to pick up an outdoor bargain or two.

## Oodles of options

Choose from formal, informal, tropical, country cottage or urban styles, and don't overlook a host of stunning statement pieces that give lazing an entirely new meaning: roomy circular day beds, extra-long chaises and sculptural self-shading sun lounges, exotic tents and clever space-savers that pack table and chairs into one stack.

Dining options include new minimal

picnic tables and benches, Santa Fe-style or Victoriana rattan settings and fancy French wrought iron. There are settings to accommodate two to 20-plus and many have co-ordinating lounge furniture and accessories. But it's also easy to mix and match and, should the mood take you, create a seamless segue from indoors to out.

## Quality will last

Quality outdoor furniture can be expensive but it's relatively easy to maintain and, if looked after, should last for years. Spend up on the pieces you'll use the most – comfort is key – and go for less expensive options when choosing side tables and "occasional" seating that can be folded and stowed. Pick easy-care materials, washable or weatherproof upholstery and think about investing in protective covers.

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OCEANIA SUN BED, \$2599 FROM THE SAVVY GARDEN.



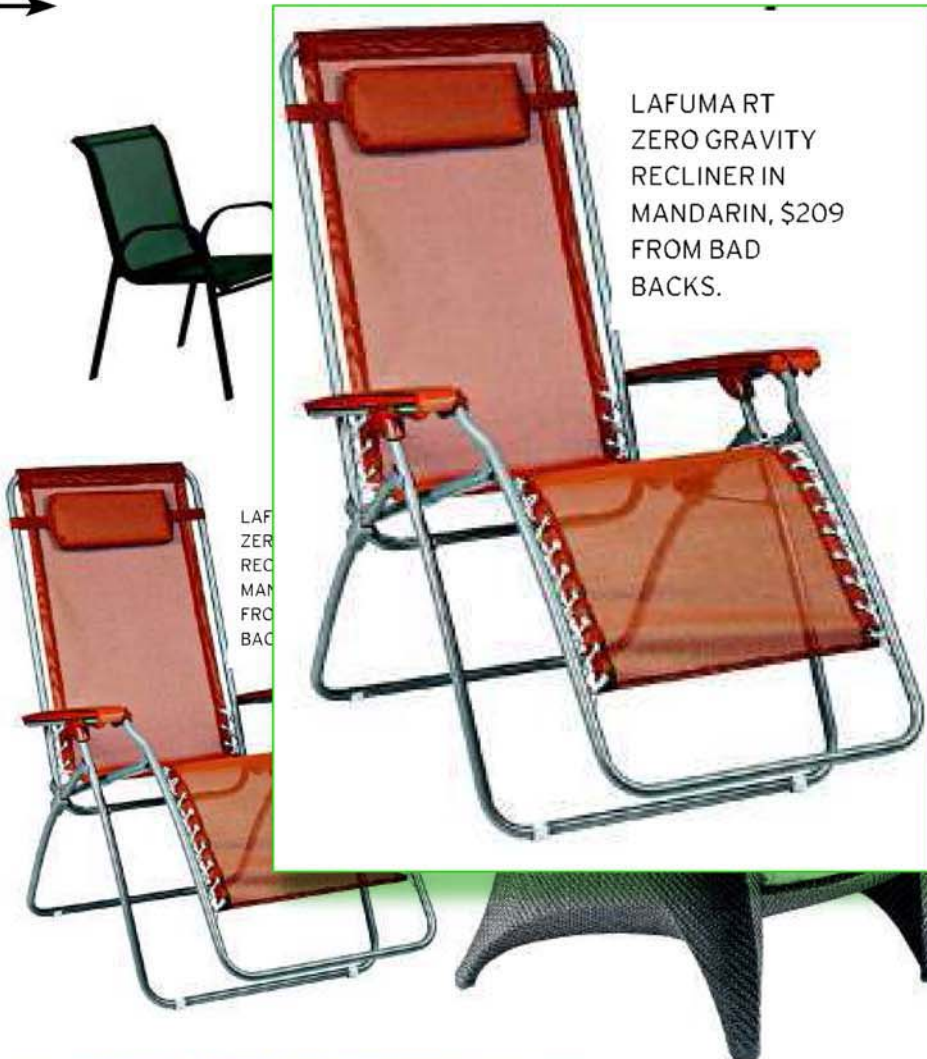
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TOTAL PRICE PICTURED \$10,099, FROM CLASSIQUE LEISURE  
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