

## POOL RULES

"Sometimes people completely deviate their outdoor style from the interiors, so all of a sudden it's really colorful," says designer Donna Mondì. Exterior spaces "should be an extension of the mood you are creating inside," she says. And for this gut renovation of a Hinsdale home by architect John Eifler, she followed her own advice. With interiors that are a modern fusion of Frank Lloyd Wright and Art Nouveau influences, the pool house and terrace continue the theme, which was based on not having any white. The darker tones, for example a teak slat wall in the pool house that continues up to a gabled ceiling and charcoal furnishings from Bradley Terrace, Henry Hall and Gloster, create a cozy atmosphere and highlight the lush plantings done by Premier Landscape. Mondì's clients were looking for a space to entertain that would also appeal to their teenage children, so there are defined zones—a casual lounge area with a fire pit, formal dining area and sunny breakfast terrace—that suit a variety of occasions. "It's cool because they have all of these moments that can be enjoyed in different ways," says Mondì. *Donna Mondì Interior Design, 1517 W. Carroll Ave., 312.291.8431, dmondiinteriordesign.com*

From expert advice to unique spaces to the best new products, we have compiled a range of inspiration to make your move outdoors more stylish.

By THE EDITORS

# THE OUTSIDE WORLD

## FINE DINING

Italian outdoor furniture company Varaschin, known for manufacturing quality products for the contract market, has been at the forefront of innovating new materials and weaves since 1969. Its new outdoor collection sets a bar for style as well, with designs by the likes of Monica Armani and Lo Scalzo Moscheri. The Tibidabo armchair by Calvi Brambilla, paired with the duo's Kolonaki table previously designed for the brand, features a synthetic light gray weave around an hourglass-shaped frame, resulting in a comfortable chair with a sturdy base that adds a sculptural element to any outdoor space. *Pricing upon request, Moderne Living, 230 W. Huron St., 312.380.0058, moderneliving.com*



### ASK THE EXPERT

*How do you create an outdoor oasis on an expansive and barren urban rooftop?*

*"I have the most success with my outdoor projects when I create separate spaces within an expansive layout. This can be achieved with different groupings of furniture and landscaping for interesting vignettes. Whether it be flowers, trees or a container garden, greenery brings the space to life! Let the planters define the spaces, and play with height and texture as much as color. Think vertical and have varying height in your plants within the same pot. I like to come up with a floral concept first and strictly stick to it (black petunias, white diamond frost and sweet potato vine is a favorite combo of mine). Adding an irrigation system is typically quite painless and leaves more time for you to enjoy the outdoors."*

*Brianne Bishop, designer and founder, Brianne Bishop Design, 2556 W. Grand Ave., 312.243.4930, briannebishopdesign.com*

## WHITE-HOT

Following up on the highly acclaimed outdoor collection launched last year, Moray, Holly Hunt has introduced brand-new designs and colorways for 2018, along with new fabrics inspired by the Pacific Coast. This year's additions feature the Omura bar cart and Meduse bench, and new finishes such as white metal, white cast concrete and a new woven and metal finish called Pearl. The new pieces were added to "round out the Moray collection and are both versatile pieces that can work in a variety of projects," says Curt Kendall, director of marketing at HOLLY HUNT. Following the form of its namesake pieces, each is distinguished by its base, where subtle tapering seems to suspend the bottom shelf and seat. *Prices upon request, 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, Ste. 1428, 312.661.1900, hollyhunt.com*

