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Owned by São Paulo-born design expert Carlos Junqueira, Espasso specializes in contemporary design—furniture expertly sourced and selected from leading Brazilian talents. First opened in Long Island City in 2002, Espasso arrived in its current split-level home four years later. Since then, Junqueira has assembled a roster of top talent ranging from icons such as Jorge Zalszupin and José Zanine Caldas—masters of hardwoods—to newer names like Arthur Casas, Carlos Motta, Etel Carmona and works by architect Isay Weinfeld. The store recently debuted Espasso Sergio Rodrigues, a full-floor shop-in-shop dedicated to the works of 84-year-old living legend Sergio Rodrigues. The 2,000 square-foot space—Rio-based Rodrigues' first US outpost in over 40 years—showcases his iconic stools, sofas, tables and chairs, including his hornlike Chirfurda chair, a leather and imbuia-wood classic which originally debuted back in 1962. Espasso also stocks a wide range of contemporary art and photography, and the store regularly holds "salons," featuring cutting-edge Brazilian musicians, writers and, of course, designers.