

## THE SCOUT



Espasso

# A new Brazilian beauty

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CARLOS JUNQUEIRA wants Angelenos to recognize Brazil as home to more than just supermodels. His showroom, Espasso, is dedicated to Brazilian furniture designers, including midcentury master Sergio Rodrigues and contemporary architect Isay Weinfeld, the man behind the acclaimed Fasano Hotel in São Paulo. "Brazilian modernism is not as well known as it should be," Junqueira says. "The furniture from that era made from jacaranda and other exotic woods has an organic but very sophisticated and sexy look." Contemporary pieces, such as stainless steel and cowhide benches by L.A.-based Antonio da Motta, also are an integral part of Espasso's rich blend of periods. In the stark white gallery, Ricardo Fasanella's 1970 glass-topped Arcos coffee table (\$2,642, center) is a natural companion to Claudia Moreira Salles' new São Conrado sofa (\$12,337). Pacific Design Center, 8687 Melrose Ave., Suite B433, West Hollywood; (310) 657-0020; [www.espasso.com](http://www.espasso.com).