

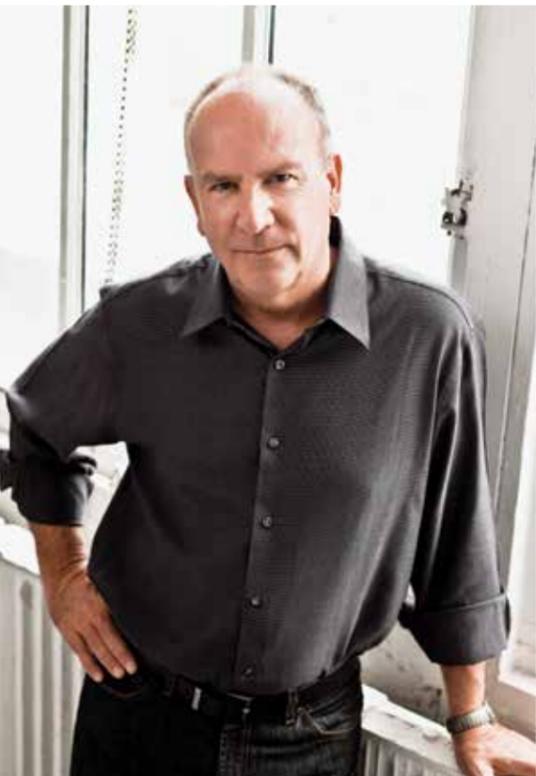
INSIDE OUT

RICHARD FRINIER'S DESIGNS FOR
CENTURY SEAMLESSLY TRANSITION
BETWEEN INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR

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The Metropolitan modular lounge arrangement brings sumptuous modern luxury to a rooftop terrace.

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Bridging the divide between indoor and out has become arguably the hottest trend in home furnishings. But for legendary designer Richard Frinier, this approach is much more than a trend.

Frinier has created indoor/outdoor furniture, textiles, lighting and accessories for more than three decades for iconic brands like Century and Sunbrella, with some of his designs sold across 80 countries and others celebrating three decades of continuous production.

The winner of more than 90 design excellence and career achievement awards, Frinier has created thousands of individual designs across hundreds of collections resulting in over \$1 billion in sales around the world.

Typically, when people think of outdoor furnishings, they visualize them by a pool, in the garden, on a terrace or above the ground on a balcony or rooftop. While this is all true, Frinier says that his designs are more than outdoor pieces—they are performance furnishings and textiles specified equally for interiors as well as exteriors.

“More and more, architects and interior designers are looking to performance furniture, textiles, lighting and accessories for interior spaces because of the durability of the products for living and dining rooms, kitchens and other spaces where performance is important,” Frinier says. “However, the designs themselves must not only be made using durable materials, the actual form and architectural styling of the pieces must be substantive enough to be believable to seamlessly integrate into the multipurpose interior spaces of today’s homescapes. It is why I often say, ‘inside or outside—you decide.’”

The marriage of Frinier’s deft eye for design with performance fabrics, materials and finishes translates to collections that bring sophistication and luxury to rooms both indoors and out. Frinier says it’s that sensibility that informs his design process.

“When creating interior and exterior spaces that are truly livable and enjoyable without limitation of performance, it’s the luxury of being able to place furnishings inside or out without worrying about the frame, finishes or fabrics.” □



*Furniture designs from the Richard Frinier Collection for Century
Textiles from the Richard Frinier Collection for Sunbrella*

Left: Designer Richard Frinier; the Archipelago love seat, coffee table and cappuccino table adapt well to both exterior and interior spaces to achieve an elegant yet casual sensibility.

Above and right: The Andalusia Royal canopy daybed and lounge chairs make a statement by the pool, while Andalusia dining creates a romantic ambience and sense of place in a sun-filled interior dining room.

