

# THOMAS O'BRIEN

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CENTURY ANNOUNCES A NEW THOMAS O'BRIEN COLLECTION

### *Great South Bay*

High Point, NC, October 2019—After successful launches of the Thomas O'Brien Collection for Century and Thomas O'Brien Outdoor for Century, Century Furniture and designer Thomas O'Brien are debuting Great South Bay, a new collection of over 100 pieces. The Great South Bay collection is a tribute to the easy, relaxed elegance of coastal living.

Inspired by O'Brien's own travels and collecting around the world, this collection brings together the cultures of favorite seaside places where he goes to find the sun—the romantic cliffside beach towns of the Mediterranean; the rustic naturalism of Northern California; the eternal summer hospitality of the Caribbean and Gulf coast; the all-seasons maritime simplicity of England and New England. In versatile, attainable designs, O'Brien expands on essential wicker and indoor-outdoor furniture with a range of unique to classic finishes. He interprets modern and French influences that have a new home today at the beach, as well as being symbols of chic beach style in the city. Many of the pieces come out of O'Brien's celebrated home and gardens on Long Island, located on the Great South Bay that gives the collection its name.

"Coastal living has a graceful ease that I've long been drawn to. And there's a warmth to the beach house that finds its way to homes of all kinds, from the mountains to the city, west to east," says O'Brien. "The collection is centered around essential beach house materials in custom finishes—wicker and cane, wood, and a special, unique new variation of pressed bamboo, all applied in refined and often intricate ways."

"Century is blessed to be able to work with unbelievable talents like Thomas," says Alex Shuford, III, President of Century. "Within Great South Bay he has not only created a lifestyle that resonates with today's luxury casual customer, he has also re-imagined the what a collection should be. The mix of items feels collected. Our team of merchants and craftspeople learn and grow every time we work with Thomas."

The Great South Bay Collection by Thomas O'Brien for Century will be on view from October 17<sup>th</sup> to October 23<sup>rd</sup> date at the Century showroom in 200 Steele, Suite 213. On Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Century and Clint Smith of New England Home will host a cocktail party from 6-8pm to celebrate this new collaboration.

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### About Century Furniture

Century Furniture is one of the world's largest privately-owned manufacturers of high-end residential furniture. Founded in Hickory, North Carolina in 1947 by Harley F. Shuford, Sr., Century is now in the third generation of family ownership and operation and remains committed to their founder's ideal, to create furniture of such impeccable quality that it brings joy not only to the people who own it, but also to the craftspeople who build it.

Century is recognized in the industry as a design leader, ranked in the forefront for its expertise in finishing and the many details of fine craftsmanship. Its broad line of wood and upholstered furniture consists of bedroom, dining and occasional collections in traditional, transitional and contemporary styling. They have licensed collections with numerous high-end designers including Thomas O'Brien, Charlotte Moss, Bunny Williams, Bob Timberlake, Candice Olson and Windsor Smith.

The company has an extensive caseworks facility with state-of-the-art woodworking capabilities and a sophisticated finishing operation, as well as three upholstery factories – all located in Hickory, North Carolina. Century's domestic operations have always been

a vital piece of its business strategy, using the skill and flexibility of its facilities to provide personalized and timely product to its customers.

Today Century's family consists of over 900 associates with a management team conditioned for growth. Continually investing in product design, customer service, technology, and its people, Century Furniture is meeting the challenges of today while planning for the opportunities of the future.

### About Thomas O'Brien

Thomas O'Brien is an interior and home furnishings designer based in New York City. He is founder and president of Aero Studios, one of America's leading design firms, and the proprietor of Aero Ltd., the home boutique that is the retail extension of the studio, open to the public at the same address.

Since establishing Aero in 1992, O'Brien has been celebrated for translating modernism into a warm and livable style. From private residences to commercial properties; product design to the constant laboratory of his Aero store, his work is known for its collected, vintage elegance, even as it is sympathetic to the most practical ideas of home.

As an American designer, O'Brien is always interested in filtering together different historical points of reference to create something new for the present day. His combinations can seem at once familiar and revealing; the shared simplicity between modern 20<sup>th</sup> century and classical forms; the balance of bold and refined, comfort and rarity. His mix of modern and traditional ideas extends to his Thomas O'Brien brand of home furnishings, with furniture, lighting, table and giftware, textiles, carpets, and plumbing made for both fine and daily living.

Thomas O'Brien received his BFA from The Cooper Union in New York City. He is regularly named to the top editorial designer lists such as the AD-100, and his work has been featured in a variety of leading publications, including *Architectural Digest*, *Elle Décor*, *House Beautiful*, *The New York Times*, *Time*, *Town & Country*, and *Veranda*, among others. He is the author of three design books: the best-selling AMERICAN MODERN, AERO: BEGINNING TO NOW, and the recently published LIBRARY HOUSE. He lives in Manhattan and in Bellport, New York.

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