

## **Baker and Paola Navone's OTTO Studio Collaborate on Mediterranean-Inspired Collection for Fall 2023**

### *The Paola Navone Collection for Baker Features 24 Dynamic Designs Spanning Tables, Seating, and Lighting*

HIGH POINT, NC (FALL 2023) – Baker is delighted to introduce its Fall 2023 collection in collaboration with celebrated Italian architect and designer, Paola Navone, and her multi-disciplinary design firm, OTTO Studio. The 24-piece collection is inspired by the idyllic Mediterranean sense of living, specifically the Italian traditions of informal and relaxed gatherings. The designs are friendly and versatile with a hint of "divertissement," rendering a curious and expressive line of furnishings and lighting.

"We are so fortunate to join forces with an inimitable talent like Paola," shares Erica Wingo, Senior Vice President of Merchandising and Marketing at Baker-McGuire. "She and her team bring a new style and fresh perspective to Baker's offerings, with a welcome creativity that allowed us to design and develop unique European-style pieces that are at once contemporary and timeless."

The collection encompasses a variety of tables, sofas, lounge chairs, and lighting, with each product category named after a noted Italian attraction. Its core materials – cast bronze, acrylic, Murano glass, and Carrara C marble – are a tribute to the Mediterranean manufacturing traditions as well as to Baker's heritage of exceptional craftsmanship. The pieces adhere to the standard European-style scale, such as sofas that are low and relaxed with extremely comfortable and soft sits.

Navone works in Milan as an architect, interior designer, product designer and art director. Throughout her award-winning 40+ year career, she has had an enormous impact on modern furniture design. She has traveled the world and infused her experiences into countless versatile and innovative creations. Navone's approach is direct, visionary, and eclectic with a passion for the flavors and colors of the much-loved and much-travelled southern hemisphere, alongside tastes and styles from the western world with its wealth of tradition, open mindedness, and creative energy. As the creative visionary of OTTO Studio, she collaborates with a wide portfolio of international clients through a range of projects from interior design to product design and art direction. Navone worked closely with Domenico Diego, OTTO's furniture design director, to bring this collection to life.

"We were first drawn to Baker because of the brand's supremely high standards for handcraftsmanship and quality," said Navone. "All of our projects start with an initial meeting... and from the first conversation with Erica and Mike (Jolly), we immediately found that alchemy that is the drive for creativity. We were able to introduce a contemporary collection of inviting, European-inspired pieces that feature soft lines and gentle shapes, while incorporating some of the most exquisite materials and finishes such as cast bronze, Murano glass, acrylic, and Carrara C marble. We are so delighted to debut this collection with the Baker team this fall."

Highlights from the Paola Navone Collection for Baker include:

- **Trevi Cocktail Table - Large** – Raw and handcrafted, the Trevi Cocktail Table - Large features a cast bronze frame with an irregular geometric shape. It is topped with a beautifully corrugated Murano glass texture, inspired by the undulating surface of water on its namesake fountain in Rome.
- **Vesuvio Table** – Inspired by the strength and permanence of Mt. Vesuvius, the Vesuvio Table is an unexpected piece that can be used on its own or paired with the Etna Table. Crafted entirely from Carrara C Marble, the Etna Table combines an ancient material with the contemporary lines of a modern sculpture.
- **Sospiri Spot Table** – Just as the Ponte dei Sospiri bridge in Venice brings a playful spirit to an elegant setting, the Sospiri Spot Table adds spontaneity and beauty to any living space. The table offers a curious and unstructured shape entirely crafted in Murano glass, with irregular shaped glass blocks that appear to balance on each other.
- **Mediterraneo Chair** – The Mediterraneo Chair is inspired by the informal Mediterranean lifestyle and its embrace of generous, casual comfort. Thick, beveled armrests and deep seats beckon for hours of relaxation and conversation. Featuring essential lines, rounded forms and a central base that allows the seat to swivel with ease, this is a versatile piece that lives in harmony with nearly any style.
- **Azzurro Sofa** – Designed as a place to rest and gaze at the azzurro, or blue sky, the Azzurro Sofa offers wide armrests and generously proportioned seats. Its large, removable slip cover with contrasting stitching helps create a comfortable and casual look that pairs well with modern living.
- **Volare Pendant - Large** – The joyful and expressive Volare Pendant - Large has a light and friendly vibe like the famed Italian song that inspired its name. Cast and solid brass elements and five cast Murano glass pendants are freely joined to create an unexpected work of art.

The Paola Navone Collection for Baker debuts at High Point Market (October 13-18) and will be available in Baker showrooms across the globe in December. For more information, please visit a Baker showroom and/or connect with us on social media via [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#) and [Twitter](#). #bakerfurniture

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