New York designer Dror Benshetrit’s PICK CHAIR presents an artful, high-concept fusion of two age-old furniture concepts: the Murphy bed and the folding chair. Composed of four wood veneer panels joined by metal hinges, the Pick Chair doubles as a vertical wall hanging, offering an ingenious solution to cramped urban living spaces. Contact designer for price. www.studiodrer.com

Brothers Fernando and Humberto Campana call their latest furniture pieces for the Italian company Edra “transgenic mutations,” or forms inspired by animal life that are simultaneously cuddly and creepy. ASTER PAPPPOSUS, a giant frameless lounge shaped like a starfish and upholstered in “scaly, iridescent fabric,” as the manufacturer winningly describes it, beckons users to sink in and luxuriate among its tentacles; $9,200. www.edra.com

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Pick Chair
Thinking you should never have to sacrifice comfort for style, SKINS FOOTWEAR founder Mark Klein invited the design firm Banfi Zambrelli, as well as Koby Levi and Studio Dror, to create a revolutionary two-part system: The outside is a collapsible, interchangeable "skin" that will be available in styles ranging from sneakers to stilettos, and the interior is an orthotic "bone" that gives the shoe a familiar fit even as its look changes. Contact manufacturer for price. www.skinsfootwear.com