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2026 favorite outdoor market *trends*

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Well, as usual, it has been a busy year already when it comes to design-industry markets and trade shows. In January alone, there were at least four, several of them overlapping, and that is just in the United States! But fear not, we have pounded the pavement to find the must-have products for your home and outdoor living spaces, so you don't have to.

Summer Classics Bari Collection

Known for offering a wide variety of high-quality pieces at reasonable prices, Summer Classics is one of our go-to outdoor furniture manufacturers. Its new Bari Collection is the perfect combination of comfort, convenience and style. Its unique design brings "French café" and "Moroccan nights" vibes with a subtle yet vibrant chevron pattern woven over a durable aluminum frame, while integrated flow-through foam cushions provide soft seating without the need to deal with traditional cushions. *(Photos courtesy of Summer Classics)*

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Wall Snobs + Christopher Todd Living

One of the most exciting new products for me personally comes from the collaboration of my dear friend, Christopher Todd, with Wall Snobs. Family owned and operated, Wall Snobs creates high-quality, non-toxic wall coverings in an astonishing number of designs that are infinitely customizable in terms of color and scale. Some of its hottest new designs are the result of this partnership with Christopher Todd Living and include "Martini Garden" and "Palm Springs Patio." *(Photos courtesy of Wall Snobs)*

POLYWOOD Designer Series

Before I knew the wonderful people at POLYWOOD and what their product truly is, I was a little skeptical. Plastic? But now I fully appreciate what they have to offer: high-quality, well-designed, extremely durable furnishings made from 100% recycled materials through a process that is 99% waste-free. Wow! Its new Designer Series encompasses three collections — Estate, Elevate and Latitude — made from its latest POLYWOOD Select material and offers stylish, elegant pieces for any setting. *(Photo courtesy of POLYWOOD)*

Uttermost Outdoor Collection

In the past year, Uttermost has celebrated its 50th anniversary as well as the launch of its new line of outdoor furnishings. Extensive offerings, ranging from accessories to dining to lounge seating, include thoughtfully designed pieces for all your outdoor spaces. One of my favorites is the company's outdoor ping-pong table, which features a natural tree root base and a removable "net" that allows the table to double as a serving or dining surface. *(Photo courtesy of Uttermost)*

Alteck Lighting

One of the things that makes Alteck stand out in its field is that it makes outdoor lighting and only outdoor lighting. Well, I should say "outdoor-rated," since many of its stylish designs would be right at home in an indoor setting as well. Still, you can rest assured that these lights are fully wet-rated and built, as they describe it, for "reliable performance, anytime, anywhere." *(Photos courtesy of Alteck Lighting)*

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Jackson Pottery Rock Garden Collection

When it comes to planters, it takes a lot to catch my eye, but the Rock Garden Collection from Jackson Pottery did just that. These organically shaped planters are designed to mimic natural boulders yet are made of lightweight "polystone," making them relatively easy to move around. The freeform silhouettes, textured finishes and neutral colors are the perfect way to bring a bit of nature-inspired design to any space, indoors or out. A "boulder bench" rounds out the collection, offering functional seating in a complementary shape. *(Photo by Hunter Jackson)*

WUGS, WILLOWS, WOUFS

Have you ever seen a new product and said, "Why didn't I think of that?" Well, that's exactly what happened when I discovered WUGS, Weighted Rugs. Alas, I did not think of it, but my market buddy Whitney Atkinson sure did! Tired of dealing with curled up edges and blown outdoor rugs, Whitney taught herself to sew and invented a weighted solution to keep her clients' rugs on solid ground. Now expanded to include weighted pillows (WILLOWS) and poufs (WOUFS) this line of heavy-hitting products is sure to keep your outdoor living spaces well-grounded. *(Photo courtesy of WUGS, Weighted Rugs)* ■

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