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RH MODERN PARTNERS WITH INDUSTRIAL DESIGNER BRAD ASCALON FOR A SLEEK OUTDOOR FURNITURE COLLECTION. BY JILL SIERACKI

Ciel rectangular dining table (starting at \$2,995), side chairs (\$695 each), and cushions in white Perennials Classic Linen Weave (\$235 each), RH.

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“My goal in designing the Ciel collection was to bring the feeling of modern, casual indoor living to the outside,” says industrial designer Brad Ascalon, whose first-ever collaboration with Restoration Hardware’s RH Modern launches this summer. The collection includes sofas, chaises, chairs, and tables.

“The purposeful tensions between both the hard and soft detailing, and an attentive control of the negative and positive space of each piece, bring the collection in a direction that is rarely found in outdoor teak furniture.”

A third generation craftsman—Ascalon’s grandfather Maurice was

a noted sculptor and industrial designer, and his father, David, was renowned for his large-scale art installations—the industrial designer has collaborated with such high-end brands as Ligne Roset and Redken, and been featured in *Architectural Digest*, *The New York Times*, and

*Wallpaper**, which named him among the “Ten Most Wanted” emerging designers in 2005.

“We continuously investigated where we can incorporate more contemporary detailing to make Ciel feel refreshingly relevant to today’s customer,” says Ascalon of the new outdoor

collection, which is available in natural and weathered finishes. “The Midcentury Modern aesthetic is certainly something [that resonates with] many RH Modern customers, but pushing further in this way gives it a life of its own.” 1222 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 202-625-2771; rh.com ■