

# PARIBAWGA

## **Pun + Projects is pleased to announce PARIBAWGA**

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Pun + Projects, a leading hospitality, lifestyle and culture innovator in Myanmar, is proud to announce its new furniture concept, Paribawga, on occasion of its inclusion in the 2016 Yangon Furniture Fair. Through two channels, the Paribawga Collection and Paribawga Bespoke, the company will work with private individuals, commercial partners and interior designers to create and fit custom spaces all around the world.

The Paribawga Collection is designed and manufactured under the supervision of master carpenter Marcelo Maier, and consists of furnishings and accessories for living and working. High-quality, carefully sourced, local materials are combined with craft-based construction to reflect the history and legacy of Myanmar. Modern lines and forms lend the collection a contemporary edge, and special attention to texture and finishes evoke the moodiness of monsoon season and the lush complexity of the rainforest. A highlight of the first collection is a burnt finish, which updates traditional teak wood with a rich, smoky exterior.

Maier's love for detail, and his commitment to finding the artistry within raw materials, defines this first collection. Says Maier: "The quality of the wood is the soul of the tree. It is a living material, and to show its beauty, you need to understand how it moves. I hope this philosophy will be reflected in every piece I create."

In addition to the collection, Paribawga offers specialty bespoke furniture services for private individuals, companies, and designers, and employs the same careful attention to materials and craft. Paribawga aims to create custom furniture and installations for all types of spaces, including retail, hospitality, public and cultural environments, with the goal of optimizing comfort, function and style through close collaboration with the client.

Paribawga Bespoke is proud to bring Myanmar-made craftsmanship to the world at an intimate and accessible level. Says Ivan Pun, "The unique access we have to extraordinary materials and excellent craftsmanship allows us to offer a compelling product to a diverse global clientele. After years of isolation, it is an exciting time in Myanmar to show the world the level of quality in our artisan traditions, and to do it responsibly and at a reasonable price."

### **About Marcelo Maier**

Marcelo Maier has spent seven years living and working in Myanmar. A native of Bielefeld, Germany, Maier apprenticed in furniture carving and design before striking out on his own. Inspired by a passion for traditional techniques and a respect for nature, his approach integrates a love of Myanmar and a commitment to the highest quality artisanship.

### **About (Pun + Projects):**

PUN + PROJECTS creates innovative lifestyle, F&B, and cultural concepts in Myanmar, inspired by a passion for architecture and urban history. Founded in 2013 by Chinese-Burmese entrepreneur Ivan Pun, the company aims to facilitate cultural conversation between Myanmar and the rest of the world.

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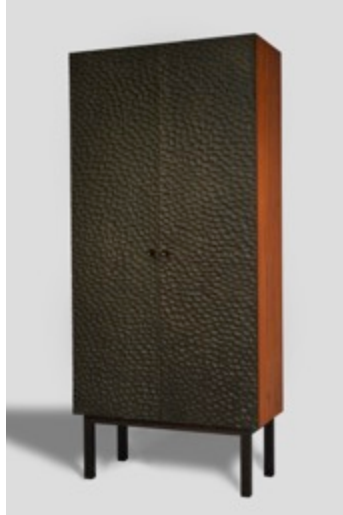
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