

**Better Living**

## Durable designs in patio furniture

Today, patio furniture is less about nostalgia (unless you're a fan of metal gliders) and more about luxury and comfort. From teak to powder-coated metals to all-weather wicker, this stuff is meant to last. And no longer do modernists have to go without, as more manufacturers are offering contemporary designs. We've focused on a few choice pieces that show the range of patio furniture available:

**The Robinwood Deluxe Collection:** Philippe Starck and David Sutherland joined forces to create a Robin Hood-inspired collection of outdoor furniture. With names such as Marian, Tuck and Sherwood, the teak-and-polished-aluminum designs are a far cry from anything you'd likely find at Nottingham Castle. Instead, the 31-piece RobinWood Deluxe Collection features what you'd expect from a collaboration between design titans: well-crafted pieces with an unexpected sense of irreverence. To see more, go to [sutherlandfurniture.com](http://sutherlandfurniture.com).

**Kingsley-Bate Tiburon Chaise Lounge:** This elegant piece of mixed media is made of heavy-duty stainless steel and Indonesian teak. The comfortable Batyline sling (the material resists sun and moisture) makes sitting in it as good as it looks. \$990 at [chaiseloungesandmore.com](http://chaiseloungesandmore.com); see [kingsleybate.com](http://kingsleybate.com) for more information.

**Lakeside Adirondack Chair Ottoman:** The classic Adirondack style has been reinvented with antique white all-weather wicker made of flexible resin. The aluminum frame is powder coated to resist rust. The result is a vaguely modern style with all the comfort of the classic slatted chair. \$549 or \$578 as open stock, Crate & Barrel or [crateandbarrel.com](http://crateandbarrel.com).