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The Modern Age in South Florida

For the eye-catching pieces that accent his interiors, **Charles Allem** heads to an unlikely place—Fort Lauderdale, Florida. “It’s an offbeat location to find anything,” says Allem, but what he finds are original pieces by Karl Springer, Paul Evans (right), Josef Hoffmann and other 20th-century innovators at **Space Modern**. “It’s great to use their pieces in a serious interior,” says Allem (above, at the shop). “It gives them a twist.”

Instead of Eames and Knoll standbys, owners Gordon and Jackie McNichols carry “unusual, eccentric pieces,” such as an over-six-foot-tall Hoffmann-designed chair and a plywood rocker by Gregg Fleishman. “They’re like pieces of sculpture,” says Allem.

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“We specialize in good design from the 20th century—period,” says Gordon McNichols.

Classic Meets Contemporary

“Looking at the rugs he presents is like looking at art without preconceived ideas—there’s always a wonderful surprise,” **Thad Hayes** says about **F. J. Hakimian**. The long-established New York dealer has just introduced new rugs that are derived from vintage and antique carpets in his collection, including some inspired by Wiener Werkstätte and Swedish modern designs. “There’s a rug based on an original Aubusson,” says Hayes, “that’s amazingly vibrant, and it suits the contemporary taste for beautiful things you can actually live with.”

The rugs, handmade in China, Iran, Turkey and Nepal, include *Benedictus*, a pattern modeled on a 1930s French Art Déco original, and *Swedish Square II*, a 1950s-style basket-weave design.

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F. J. Hakimian’s *Benedictus*, based on a 1930s Art Déco design