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January in Germany—during IMM Cologne—might not seem like the ideal time to think about the great outdoors, but for Italian modern furniture-maker Cassina, it was an important moment to showcase the new and already iconic pieces that make up its debut outdoor collection. "We decided to involve two important designers to develop this very first outdoor collection," says Luca Fusco, CEO of Cassina. "Philippe Starck and Rodolfo Dordoni have worked with Cassina for many years. Each has interpreted

the outdoors in his own distinctive way, but with the same quality, craftsmanship and authenticity that is part of Cassina's DNA." Starck calls his contribution Fenc-e Nature, a "lifestyle collection of laid-back elegance," and it contains an armchair, two sofas and a coffee table. Dordoni's Sail Out modular sofa is inspired by a 1950s holiday resort and is infinitely combinable with a round pouf, a low table, and Dine Out chairs and table. Adding to the fun, Cassina introduces two pieces by Patricia Urquiola in advance of

her anticipated complete collection, which will launch in 2021. Plus, longtime favorites from Cassina's collection are adapted for outdoor use. "It represents the history of design in one complete setting," says Fusco. "Innovative products by Dordoni, Starck and Urquiola are united with the icons by Le Corbusier, Pierre Jeanneret and Charlotte Perriand to create warm and welcoming atmospheres... all studied for the outdoors." Luminaire Lab, Design District, Miami, luminaire.com; cassina.com