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*Clockwise from left:* Lexington table in hard maple, \$15,000; Sit, Set chair in white oak, \$5,800; Three Plane chair in white oak, \$2,500; and Taper low stool in black walnut, \$1,200.

## **Made in the Midwest** *Photograph by Charlie Schuck*

When Roll & Hill launched in 2010, the New York–based contemporary lighting brand stood out in a scene dominated by European labels: It championed a new American design aesthetic with a smart, handcrafted twist. Having achieved international success in the process, the company is expanding into furniture. To do so, it purchased Alexis Manufacturing, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, which has specialized in complex wood components for the likes of Herman Miller and Kohler since 1946. The inaugural offerings, all in native woods, include company founder Jason Miller’s own dining table and artful accents, such as Campagna’s canny combo of seat and side table, called “Sit, Set.” Future design contributors will include former J. Crew creative director Jenna Lyons. There’s not so much a common aesthetic to the collection as a common ethos, says Miller: “Pieces have a familiar quality, like a song you’re listening to for the first time, but feel as though you’ve heard before.” 718-387-6132; [rollandhill.com](http://rollandhill.com). —Jen Renzi