



BEST FURNITURE DESIGNER

Frank Ponterio

With two furniture collections for Avrett under his belt, available at John Rosselli & Associates, and a recent collaboration with Lee Jofa that was seen at New York's annual Decoration & Design Building Fall Market, it's safe to say that local designer Frank Ponterio is holding up Chicago's reputation for homegrown design talent. Regardless of who he partners with, his pieces all form a versatile collection with a refined, urban sensibility. "Furniture sets the tone in how people interact in a room. It also defines the purpose of a space," Ponterio explains. His appreciation for timeless European design is evident in the classic lines and elegant yet understated upholstery and finish options. His goal of creating a "sophisticated line that is as stylish as it is inviting" has been achieved several times over, and we predict this is just the start.

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