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Pogir

When Michael Wilkov founded Cantoni 25 years ago, it was one of a tiny handful of stores that sold contemporary furniture in Dallas, a city that was firmly set in its Ralph Lauren-inspired traditionalist ways. Since then, Cantoni has grown along with Dallas' passion for modernism. At 60,000 square feet with 12 in-house designers and stores in four other cities—Austin, Atlanta, Irvine and Los Angeles—the store is a powerhouse purveyor of contemporary Italian chic. Lead designer Pogir (pronounced Po-jay), who goes by one name, is helping to lead the way. A cousin of Wilkov's who's been with the company almost from the beginning, Pogir hails from South Africa with a degree in architecture. For kicks, 48-year-old Pogir, his wife, Linsey, and son Baron take weekend drives just to look at Dallas architecture. That's how much Pogir loves it. This summer, Cantoni debuted its first show house, a 7,500-square-foot castle of all things Cantoni located inside the heart of Preston Hollow. For the architecture, Pogir turned to young Dallas designers Jason Kongabel and Ben Callison. "It's a great piece of living architecture," says Pogir. Up next? Cantoni has joined with Kongabel and Callison's newly formed firm, Mohment, to design a 3-story unit of modern duplexes in Oak Lawn, scheduled to open in early fall.



Pogir kicks back on a sofa in the Cantoni House living room, a house he helped design.



In Good Taste! Italian kitchen manufacturer Bontempi Cucine, which is represented at Cantoni, created a knockout kitchen for the Cantoni House, including this impressive 21-foot-long bar/counter perfect for parties or a late-night feast.



CURVE APPEAL Above: The Cantoni House is completely furnished with the store's product and artwork, including these disk sculptures, to help clients visualize how pieces might look in their own homes. Right: Pogir is inspired by the work of local architect Lionel Morrison, who just finished this glass and steel beauty, a residence on Northaven.



"The Italians do everything beautifully. Look at their cars, their clothing and their food."



Left: Philippe Starck's streamlined, yet provocative design aesthetic is a source of inspiration for Pogir. Here, the Lil' John Chair for Sutherland by Starck's RobinWood Deluxe collection. At *David Sutherland Showroom* or *sutherlandfurniture.com* **Right:** Soaring ceilings create drama in the living area, but are lower for intimacy in the dining room. Cantoni's penchant for color is everywhere.

