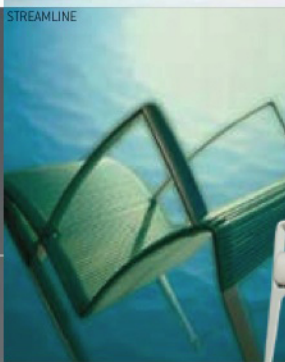




past and present



market collection

Richard Frinier's trajectory as a designer of outdoor furniture began with an entry-level job at **Brown Jordan**. Over the next 22 years, he shaped its stylistic identity, ultimately as chief creative officer, with defining collections such as Quantum, Fusion, Legend, and Streamline, the first two of which remain in the lineup today. Since retiring in 2002 and launching his own consultancy, Frinier Atelier, he's applied his alfresco expertise on behalf of Century, Currey & Company, Dedon, and Sunbrella. But roots run deep. And so, at the recent High Point Market, he waxed philosophical—and perhaps a tiny bit nostalgic—with the Richard Frinier Collection for Brown Jordan.

"I thought about how much has happened in this world and our industry over the past 30 years, how we are all moving so fast," he says. "What would happen if we had time to be still, allow our minds to drift, like floating on cloud nine?" His response lies in Still and Cloud Nine, two chairs with aluminum frames powder-coated in quiet and sophisticated off-white Pure, soft gray Shade, or blue-green Breeze. The cushions' Sunbrella chino covers come in the same colors, and Frinier, never one to skimp on details, also supplies matching powder-coated aluminum trays. A third chair, Drift, takes a slightly different direction, with teak in a natural or weathered finish. 800-743-4252; brownjordan.com.

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