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On a hot day in June, a jury convened to review nearly 400 entries to *The Architect's Newspaper* first Best of Products competition. Submissions, divided over eight categories, abounded in new materials and exciting technologies, provoking a lively dialogue during the evaluation process.

Colin Brice of [Mapos](#), Barry Goralnick of [Barry Goralnick Architects](#), Harshad Pillai of [Fogarty Finger Architecture](#), and architect Alison Spear generously contributed their considerable expertise and insight to the judging.

The complete roster of winners can be found in our just-published print edition, and [online here](#). In this final installment of reporting the competition results, we recognize four products as Visionaries. Whether a prototype or already in production, these pieces caught the jury's attention for their pursuit of pure design ideals.



### **Cheval Bench/Table**

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Speaking about his Cheval Bench/Table, designer Wout Speyers muses, "What determines a piece of furniture's function? Is it the environment, or its use in the environment? Cheval blurs the borders between these fixed conventions. What appears to be a bench turns out to be a side table in a different setting, or a coffee table. Its function is defined not by its environment or its prescribed purpose, but by the user and how they interact with it." The collection comprises four size options: 20 inches, 40 inches, 60 inches, and a corner unit. Made of ash wood with polished aluminum legs, upholstery options add to the transformative power of the furniture.