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FROM SECTIONAL SOFAS TO RETRO LOVESEATS, THESE DESIGNS MERGE FUNCTION WITH ELEGANCE

1. Francesca by Tuohy Mary Little and Peter Wheeler of British design firm Bius are the duo behind this sophisticated furniture line, which includes a sofa, a swivel chair (available with or without casters) and a bench, as well as tables and case goods. The softly rounded upholstered seats perch on resin-coated steel bases. tuohyfurniture.com.

2. Toot by Cassina The four main elements – trestle, base, backrests and armrests – that comprise Piero Lissoni's adjustable sofa can be configured to suit any environment. Equipped with a special padding system, the two backrests are stiff for support and soft for relaxing. Toot comes with an aluminum frame and leather or fabric upholstery. cassina.com

3. Flat Out by Blu Dot This sleeper sofa quickly converts from upright lounge to a one-by-two-metre bench or bed. The simple design – in either rust or grey – is accented by playful contrast stitching and a stainless steel base. bludot.com

4. Wave by Natuzzi Evoking "waves of water, windswept snow and rippled earth," this sofa is part of Nature Inspirations, one of Natuzzi's three new "moods" for 2009. The sectional, shown here in white Aurora leather (other options include earthy tan, brown and beige), is also available with contrast stitching. natuzzi.com

5. Encircle by HBF Part of Barbara Barry's latest collection for HBF, Encircle's rounded profile is inspired by the simple geometry of the circle. The sofa and chair have brushed stainless steel bases, with a swivel option for the chair; both are GreenGuard Indoor Air Quality Certified. hbf.com

6. Calibra by Bernhardt Commissioned to create a seating system that combines aspects of residential and commercial design, El Salvador's Harry and Claudia Washington drew up almost 30 different sofas before settling on a form. Inspired by the image of a "ballerina pig en pointe," the sizable sofa, loveseat and chair appear to float atop their discreet polished aluminum legs. bernhardtdesign.com

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