



and long-term visitors (including media types and actors filming on location), AKA lets you slip in and out like you own the place—without signing a long-term lease, scrubbing your tub, or making your own bed. Other AKA hotels in Manhattan give visitors a home away from home on Times Square, Sutton Place, and near the United Nations. hotelaka.com

## CHAIR MAN

Designer/craftsman Wendell Castle has been making functional artwork for more than 40 years, turning wood, fiberglass, steel, and, most recently, polished concrete, into sinuous furniture forms. More than a dozen of his latest creations, including the Bubinga-wood *Hell Raiser*, shown here, are the subject of a special exhibition at the Barry Friedman gallery, in Chelsea, from May 6 to June 26.



## **GREAT TASTE AT ABC**

Master chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten has collaborated with the design minds at ABC Carpet & Home to create ABC Kitchen, a 150-seat restaurant inside the company's flagship store on Broadway and 18th Street. The hand-written menu changes every day, based on what's fresh, available, organic, and in season within a 100-mile radius of the restaurant's inviting kitchen and dining room, designed with ABC Home CEO and Creative Director Paulette Cole. One of the city's most vocal advocates for the intelligence of sustainable style, Cole has furnished the space with salvaged-wood tables, driftwood sculptures, locally crafted ceramics, vintage flatware, and coasters made of recycled cardboard boxes—and it's exquisite. abckitchennyc.net

