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Turning the Tables on Gravity



▲ Marcello Pozzi, the Italian architect and designer now living in Los Angeles, has designed his first mass-produced piece for the home. Commissioned by Restoration Hardware for its fall line, the Stack 50 table consists of 50 discs of plywood. Forty-eight inches wide, it has a metal disc embedded in the tabletop that secures a metal rod to keep the discs in place, and an asymmetrical base that juts hither and yon in the spirit of a bonsai. The table costs \$2,495, and much is made in the promotional materials of its design: "Stack 50 taunts gravity by shifting each disc away from the rod's axis."

As connoisseurs of sophisticated furnishings, we, of course, had a question for the designer: If you use this as a dining table, isn't some poor sucker going to have part of the column in his or her lap?

Mr. Pozzi, who is 38, assured us this would not be a problem.

"Even if you are close, you still have 17 inches," he said. "Another feature my wife likes: because of the metal plate on the top, I can use it in the morning to put my coffee maker on." Available online only, at restorationhardware.com.

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