ärtəfakt/ noun: artefact
an object made by a human being, typically an item of cultural or historical interest.

High Point Furniture Market (April 2014)—This market Century Furniture introduces Artefact, a collection that draws its inspiration from classical, traditional and modern furniture forms.
Each design is steeped in rich, historic reference whether it be the Art Deco period or a 19th Century Chinese design, yet all the pieces are interpreted with today’s consumers in mind. Taken a part, each piece stands on its own, and together they create a powerful and modern interior.

“Artefact is a collection for today’s consumers who want to create a sophisticated modern look that is also original,” explains Eric Graham, Senior Manager of Century’s case goods. “These pieces have strong lines and the materials used to bring them to life only increase the interest. Each piece is truly a work of art, and our team has been careful to stay true to the collection’s original intent.”

The wood species ranges from solid Eucalyptus and Cherry to Alder and European Beech. They also include solid Walnut and Mahogany. This range of woods allows Century’s breadth of finishes to shine. Ranging from smoky gray tones to Bullion gold, we can see the personalization Century offers and how the collection can flex accordingly.

The other dominant feature is the exquisite hardware used across the collection. Artefact’s hardware ranges from small bronze knobs to ornate ring pulls depending on the historical reference for the piece. This varied use of wood species and the ability to cast multiple hardware designs fulfills the richness and singular beauty of every piece.

In addition to the woods and hardware, the collection also utilizes rich marbles and forged metals. In particular the Wildwood Poster Bed and Tracery Cabinet both have dramatic beauty driven by the rich detail work of the metal. The Tracery Cabinet features two doors with open grille panels of a “cracked ice” pattern, the design adapted from Ming period...
window motifs.

“Today’s high end furniture consumer is looking for beautiful furniture, but more importantly unique and exceptional pieces that compliment their homes and the way they live,” says Comer Wear, Director of Marketing for Century Furniture. “They want to surround themselves with pieces that inspire. We feel strongly that Artefact will do just that.”

Whether you see it as modern with historical references or traditional interpreted through a contemporary lens, Artefact is the perfect combination of distinct, fresh designs rooted in the past. Unique silhouettes, beautiful materials and finishes, and jewelry hardware culminate in every piece to create objets d’art. Each piece is exceptional on its own, and yet when displayed together they create rooms that are harmonious and stunning.

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