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At first sight: This is a perfect casual-entertaining piece for summer parties. Outdoor furniture should never be too precious. **I would place it...** On the patio of a villa somewhere on the beach in Southeast Asia—maybe Koh Samui in Thailand. I envision this bar cart pulled up next to me holding a cocktail and treats while I lounge in a hammock looking out at the ocean. **The exterior space of my dreams...** Would be centered on entertaining, so this item would obviously play a role. One also can't forget the point of being outdoors is to enjoy the natural beauty, so mine would be filled with flora and fauna, and the furniture would incorporate as many organic materials as possible. **I enjoy being outdoors...** Even more during the evening than the daytime. I love watching the beauty of a summer sunset with friends and then gathering around a fire pit and talking late into the night. To me, that is the perfect alfresco experience. **The best indoor-outdoor transition occurs when...** The architect, interior designer and landscape architect worked together as team, rather than separate entities.

HAPPY HOUR

THE PIECE: Bar Cart

THE DESIGNER: Henrik Pedersen

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THE INSPIRATION: The bar cart continues to reign in popularity as a must-have in well-designed interiors of varying styles, and Henrik Pedersen's model for Gloster takes the trend outdoors. His exhibits a mastery of restraint and a celebration of natural materials: The cart is constructed in teak, with soft joints where the wooden elements meet, and the trays are inspired by pebbles from the beach, molded and tumbled by the natural forces of the ocean. Much like a softly shaped stone, the piece has a tactility to it, drawing us in to trace the clean lines and examine each detail.