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Kasa

After seven years working in marketing, Khalid Shafar decided to do something creative. The result is an ongoing series of furniture and objects that, unusually in the 'city that depends on others', are actually designed by their maker, who trained in London and New Zealand, and is more than capable of turning his ideas into reality. This sets him apart from the local design pack, but the fact that he is

also Emirati makes him a rarity. His work, like the 'Illusion Stool' (above), AED5,500, made from ash and Danish rope, is a mix of the whimsical and the modernist, and his polished-concrete showroom in Ras al Khor, Kasa, is a refreshing change from the self-conscious Arabianism that passes elsewhere for contemporary design. *Community 612, Street 22a, Ras Al Khor Industrial 1, www.khalidshafar.com*