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Fernando Mastrangelo (left) and Samuel Amoia in their Brooklyn Studio. "Our work is seductive and striking while being completely engaging," says Mastrangelo. *Opposite:* Graffiti art by Damien Hirst lines the walls at Soho House Berlin—the design duo's favorite hotel.

It's not everyday that a sculptor and interior designer collaborate on an innovative line of furniture, but when Samuel Amoia and Fernando Mastrangelo met, they knew they had to try. "We wanted to do something true to our practices, so we blended our minds together," says Amoia. By doing so, they conceived AMMA Studio, specializing in furniture and accessories with contemporary architectural elements that mix the organic principles of nature, art and design. Utilizing material, texture and geometry, each piece employs a unique casting process using resin to create an old, patina-like look. "We try to create beauty from something that's otherwise utilitarian," says Mastrangelo, who helps produce the pieces in their Bushwick studio. The duo aims to expand the experience of everyday materials—using white and pink salt, coffee, sand, and silica—into functional pieces with a cutting-edge aesthetic. "We're taking something that's typically only done in the art world and making it accessible to a larger community," explains Mastrangelo. "Art doesn't always allow for that." [ammastudionyc.com](http://ammastudionyc.com)

AMMA Studio's drum stool, made from celadon-colored cement, gray rock salt and shimmering white rock salt, has already become a classic piece in their burgeoning collection.



BROOKLYN BOYS

# SAMUEL AMOIA & FERNANDO MASTRANGELO



## I BECAME INTERESTED IN DESIGN WHEN...

**SA:** I started traveling the world; I always keep my eyes open to my surroundings.

**FM:** I was a painter when I first went to school, but after taking my first sculpture course there was no looking back.

## WORK APPROACH:

**SA:** Under-designed and smart. We use a lot of textures and an emphasis on materials.

## PERSONAL STYLE:

**FM:** I'm a minimalist with maximalist ideas.

## WHAT DO YOU COLLECT?

**FM:** Vintage Ratti Persol. They are the best-designed and -crafted sunglasses that I've ever encountered.

## FAVORITE CITY:

**SA:** The energy of Berlin is contagious. It's a creative city and the people there are smart and engaging.

**FM:** My favorite place to stay while there is the Soho House Berlin.