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Best modular furniture

'Cubic Meter' shelving system by Arik Levy for Kenny Schachter

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We may have made some off-the-wall shelving decisions in the past, but this one is as solid as they come. The work of design darling Arik Levy, the 'Cubic Meter' is a shelving system consisting of seven pieces that can be combined in any number of ways to create one whole, freestanding unit. Available in blackened or natural oak versions, each in a limited edition of 12, the system proved the showstopper at the Super Design show in London in October. It also signalled the public arrival of New Yorker Kenny Schachter on the London scene. Curator, artist, dealer and maverick of the art world for over two decades, Schachter met Levy a little over a year ago and, although he's been showing Levy's work for a while, 'Cubic Meter' is the first Levy piece he's actually produced. Plenty more are in the pipeline and, if this partnership proves anything, it's that sometimes it really can be hip to be square. ✪

'Cubic Meter' shelving, from €10,000, by Arik Levy, for Kenny Schachter, tel: 44.7979 408914 (UK), www.rovetv.net



SEVENTH HEAVEN
Arik Levy's seven-piece modular shelving system can be fitted together in a number of configurations

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