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Dare to be square

Set in the Mayfair's Berkeley Square, PAD is London's leading fair for 20th century art, design and decorative arts. This year's highlights will include the imaginative work of designer Charles Kalpakian.

Born in Beirut but brought up in Paris, his works have a mixture of cultural influences – including the street art scene.

In *Kineticism*, these influences combine to create a functional sculpture. The collection incorporates four lacquered-wood wall cabinets that can be custom-made in a variety of colours and sizes. If you're a fan of Rubik's Cube-chic (is that a thing? It really should be), you could cover an entire wall with the hypnotic contrasting squares. Mmm, trippy.

While capturing your gaze, Kalpakian draws attention to what he calls the 'bistability' of furniture. Have a glass of wine and watch as your bookcase seems to move. Then stop drinking, probably. **H** To see the work in the flesh, head down to the PAD London fair, from 14-18 October, where Charles Kalpakian will be exhibiting with Galerie BSL. For more info, see pad-fairs.com