## Discoveries by Designers

## Urban Chateau's Designer Showroom



Tith a second showroom in the San
Francisco Design
Center, Urban Chateau brings
its vast selection of French and
Italian antiques and decorative
accessories closer to designer
clients. "We're always in the design district," says Alex Jordan
(left, with his associate Stephan
Jones, right). "The new location
is more convenient when we
come to San Francisco."

An Italian tortoiseshell box encrusted with mother-of-pearl and raised on gilt-bronze paws, circa 1750 (below), was handpicked by owner Terry Gross. Another find is a pair of Louis XVI walnut chairs (below left) stamped "J. Nadal-Laine," a furniture supplier in the late 18th century. "I thought a designer could use them in a more modern setting if we upholstered them in a nontraditional, very chic hide," says Gross.

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