

ON A BIGGER SCALE

If the names mentioned earlier on this list are like independent boutiques, then the ones that follow should be considered the smartest of department stores. You can expect a wide range of in-house professionals – from architects and furniture designers to landscape architects. Some of them even have their own building teams



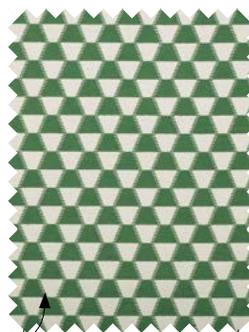
BEN PENTREATH

STUDIO Ben Pentreath, Rob Illingworth and Rupert Cunningham are the directors of this architecturally focused studio, which has three interior designers.

STYLE English, historical and grown-up on the architectural side of the business, while things get more playful when it comes to decorating, particularly in terms of colour.

ADDED INSIGHT Ben is one of the architectural designers working on the Prince of Wales' model village, Poundbury in Dorset, and is involved with Knockroon, a development on the edge of the Dumfries House Estate, supported by The Prince's Foundation.

LATEST DISCOVERY 'I love the boldness of this "Timbuktu" fabric (shown in thorn apple). It is part of Soane's recent collection with the incredibly talented fashion designer Duro Olowu (£260 a metre; soane.com). I'm thinking about using it to upholster an armchair in a family manor house in Gloucestershire.' // benpentreath.com



HUBERT ZANDBERG INTERIORS

STUDIO The 17-person team includes six interior architects and eight interior designers led by Hubert Zandberg.

STYLE An appealing eclecticism, which combines vintage, industrial, exotic and contemporary elements in ways that make a room feel truly unique.

ADDED INSIGHT Hubert, who grew up in the semi-arid Karoo region of South Africa, is an inveterate collector – he filled his first cabinet of curiosities with stones and feathers at the age of four – and his work reflects this passion.

PROJECTS From Georgian houses to beach villas, the studio currently has over 20 jobs on the go. // hzinteriors.com

MARTIN BRUDNIZKI DESIGN STUDIO

STUDIO With offices in both London and New York, there are more than 65 designers on the team at MBDS.

STYLE Old-school glamour – particularly early 20th century and art deco – with a Scandinavian twist.

ADDED INSIGHT Five years ago, Martin set up, with Nicholas Jeanes, the furniture and product design studio And Objects, which has collaborated with the likes of Christopher Farr Cloth.

PROJECTS The majority of work is commercial (including Annabel's in London), but select private residential commissions are taken on. // mbds.com

PAOLO MOSCHINO FOR NICHOLAS HASLAM

STUDIO Paolo Moschino and Philip Vergeylen lead a team of 36 staff at this interior design studio.

STYLE Whether a property happens to be in the country or the city, they will create an elegant space that has just the right amount of drama.

ADDED INSIGHT There are three highly successful showrooms, all with pieces designed or sourced by Paolo.

PROJECTS Recent briefs have included a penthouse in Miami and chalets in Gstaad, as well as a new commission to revamp a hotel in Sicily for Rocco Forte Hotels. // nicholashaslam.com

LEFT The bathroom of a Georgian house in London, reconfigured and decorated by Ben Pentreath

BRYAN O'SULLIVAN

STUDIO This London-based studio founded in 2013 is growing fast, with a New York office recently set up. The 20-strong team includes 19 designers.

STYLE Clean-lined and contemporary with a knack for combining interesting surface materials for a luxurious feel.

ADDED INSIGHT The Irish designer's background in interiors is impeccable, including stints at David Collins Studio, Martin Brudnizki and Luis Laplace.

// bos-studio.com

DE ROSEE SA

STUDIO Max de Rosee and Claire Sa are RIBA-accredited architects, who co-founded this Notting Hill-based practice in 2007. There are 11 designers and architects on the team.

STYLE Expect them to get the spatial design – and the way that a house works – just right, complemented by a gentle approach to furniture and decoration.

PROJECTS While the studio's most recent work has been based in London, it has also just taken on a commercial project in Portugal. // deroseesa.com

PETER MIKIC

STUDIO Director Peter Mikic leads a 17-strong team – 14 of whom are designers – from his London office.

STYLE Peter does modern, energetic and confident, with the skill to dial the fabulous up or down as required.

ADDED INSIGHT You get a sense of his avant-garde glamour through his made-to-order furniture and lighting.

PROJECTS Diverse work is underway and includes a 16th-century Jacobean manor house in Sussex, an 18th-century chateau in St Tropez and a newbuild in Ibiza. // petermikic.com

ROSE UNIACKE

STUDIO Based on Pimlico Road, SW1, Rose works with a team of 33, which includes eight interior designers.

STYLE Elegant, calm, restrained yet undeniably glamorous. There is nothing superfluous and very little pattern, but everything is beautiful in itself.

ADDED INSIGHT The shop sells a mix of antique, vintage and contemporary, including the RU Editions collection of furniture, lighting and accessories, and Rose's fabrics. // roseuniacke.com



SHALINI MISRA

STUDIO Shalini has a core team of eight designers plus four non designers in her studio on Lonsdale Road, NW6.

STYLE Forensically detailed and perfectly finished. Shalini is a trained architect and likes to think big. She also makes great use of a retinue of artisan specialists she has worked with for years.

PROJECTS The studio takes on a mix of both commercial and residential work, with recent output ranging from a luxury property in Mayfair to a New Delhi farmhouse. // shalinimisra.com



EMMA is known for creating peaceful ENGLISH interiors and a pared-back approach to COUNTRY-HOUSE style

ABOVE LEFT
Rose Uniacke's interiors are typified by their elegant restraint



SIMS HILDITCH

STUDIO Emma Sims-Hilditch (above) heads up the team that includes 12 designers, and is based in a beautiful converted 17th-century pub in the Cotswolds.

STYLE The Sims Hilditch studio is known for creating peaceful English interiors and bringing a pared-back approach to country-house style.

ADDED INSIGHT Creativity is a family business – Emma's husband John is the co-founder of furniture and interiors accessories firm Neptune and their daughter, Daisy, is an up-and-coming portrait and landscape artist.

PROJECTS At any one time, the studio can be working on 10-15 projects at different stages of design development. These currently include a beach house in Guernsey and a classical property in Perthshire.

LATEST DISCOVERY 'We recently bought some of artist Jane McCall's **lampshades** (from £60 each; bloomsburyrevisited.co.uk) for our Cornish beach house. Inspired by Charleston Farmhouse, they look fantastic and are unique.' // simshilditch.com



STUDIO ASHBY

STUDIO Creative director Sophie Ashby set up her studio in 2013 and she now leads a team of 12 other designers.

STYLE Fun, modern and dynamic, with a great feel for colour and an appreciation of the decorative power of good art and a really good rug.

ADDED INSIGHT Sophie spent four years of her childhood in South Africa, which she says gave her the 'easy sense of colour' that can be seen in her work.

PROJECTS Studio Ashby has been working mostly in London on projects such as a family house in Richmond and a penthouse in Covent Garden. // studioashby.com

ABOVE A bold and colourful panelled space by Studio Ashby

BELOW LEFT Studio Reed's schemes focus on craft, utility and texture

RIGHT A typically clean and contemporary look from TH2 Designs



STUDIO REED

STUDIO Established by Jonathan Reed in 1996, the studio now numbers more than 30, including 10 architectural designers and 10 furnishing designers.

STYLE Carefully curated and handcrafted. This studio is renowned for the way that it involves artisans, artists and makers to create distinctive, one-off interiors favoured by rock stars and royalty alike.

ADDED INSIGHT Jonathan's earliest interior design commissions were showrooms for Ralph Lauren and Hackett, and there remains a rugged masculinity to his work.

PROJECTS Commissions for penthouses in Mayfair and Westminster are in the wings for the studio, as well as a beach house in Cornwall. // studioreed.com

TAYLOR HOWES

STUDIO Based in Knightsbridge, the team of 30 includes 26 designers and is headed up by Karen Howes, who is the co-founder and chief executive.

STYLE Smart, tailored interiors with lashings of hard-edged glitz for a well-heeled international clientele.

PROJECTS From an apartment in Bangladesh to a penthouse in Vietnam, a newbuild in the Cotswolds and a Soho hotel, it is a busy time for the Taylor Howes team. // taylorhowes.co.uk



- NEW ENTRY -

TH2 DESIGNS

STUDIO Directors Gail Taylor and Sheila El Hadery are supported by five other designers on this 15-strong team. **STYLE** Smart, sharp, modern interiors with enough detail to add interest and enough space for the client to add their own individual mark.

ADDED INSIGHT The firm's furniture collection includes well-priced pieces.

PROJECTS The team is working on a Regency property in Blackheath, a six-bedroom family home in London and a flat in Chelsea. // th2designs.co.uk

THORP DESIGN

STUDIO From her Chelsea office, Philippa Thorp heads up a team of 14, including architects as well as interior and landscape designers.

STYLE Whether it is a country house, a pied-à-terre or a retreat in Thailand, Philippa's look is impossible to pigeon-hole - but you will get a certain elegance and sense of sophistication.

PROJECTS The team has been busy with a flat in Miami, country houses in Oxfordshire and Hampshire, and a mews property in London. // thorp.co.uk

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LEFT The hall of a Surrey Arts and Crafts villa by Todhunter Earle Interiors

BOTTOM LEFT Tailored glamour by Turner Pocock

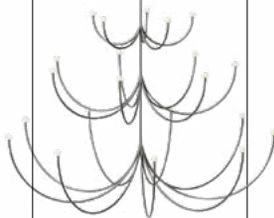
TODHUNTER EARLE INTERIORS

STUDIO Emily Todhunter and Kate Earle have been in the industry for more than 20 years; their team now numbers 16, including nine designers. **STYLE** Very tailored and very versatile. This impressive studio has experience with modern and historical houses alike. **PROJECTS** Works in progress include a Dorset newbuild, an Irish castle, an Arts and Crafts manor and an 11-bedroom country house. // todhunterearle.com



TURNER POCOCK

STUDIO A team of 11, which includes nine designers, is headed up by Bunny Turner and Emma Pocock, who set up this London-based firm in 2007. **STYLE** This studio makes its mark with punchy colours, excellent joinery and notably good lighting. **PROJECTS** A variety of exciting briefs are on the go, including an estate in Berkshire, a terraced family home in London and a ski chalet in Val d'Isère. // turnerpocock.co.uk



WALDO WORKS

STUDIO Tom Bartlett (below), Sasha von Meister and Andrew Treverton are the directors of this studio, which employs some 12 designers and architects. **PROJECTS** Waldo Works currently has around 12 projects in the pipeline, including the refurbishment of a villa on Mustique and a country house in the Cotswolds. **STYLE** A truly modern outlook – projects have pleasing quirks without completely turning their back on the lessons of the past. The studio has a particularly strong architectural point of view. **LATEST DISCOVERY** 'I really like how the "Arca Chandelier" by Philippe Malouin for Matter Made (\$15,050; mattermade.us) reinterprets a very grand chandelier into a set of simple lines and globes,' says Tom. 'Philippe consistently designs products that are in one sense strict, but always have a sense of joy or wit. We are currently suspending two of them in the huge library of a project in the Austrian Tyrol – hopefully their scale will fill the centre of the room.' // waldoworks.com



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