

ELLE DECOR

SUMMER 2021

**THE
A-LIST
ISSUE**

**101
GAME-
CHANGING
DESIGNERS
SHAPING
OUR
WORLD**

**REMEMBER THE
OLYMPICS?
WHAT'S NEXT FOR
ARCHITECTURE'S
BIGGEST STAGE**

**THE DRAMA
OF IT ALL
SWOON-WORTHY
INTERIORS FROM
HAWAII TO
THE HAMPTONS**

**OH BEAUTIFUL!
AMERICAN
DESIGN'S
BRIGHT LIGHTS**

**8 WAYS TO GIVE
YOUR FACADE A LIFT
YOUR HOUSE
WILL THANK YOU**

USA \$6.99

92 >



08033

0 271631 8



The Gang's All Here

THIS SUMMER, WE'RE CELEBRATING OUR 11TH A-List, ELLE DECOR's annual look at the most exciting residential designers working in interiors, architecture, and landscape. In 2021, we've got 101 firms under our tent, including 20 bright new additions, pictured on this page, who we're delighted for you to get to know. Why 101? For starters, it's a fun number. But we also found that a big, bold number offered the broadest canvas for exploring not just the "best" in the biz, but the global talents who bring exceptional intelligence to their work. In compiling the 2021 list, we considered firms whose work we've published in print and online in the past five years, along with names relatively new to our pages who, beyond their peerless aesthetic visions, impressed us with their commitment to both their clients and their communities.

For the first time this year, we're also introducing a list of 24 Titans, wildly influential design minds who have shown incredible consistency and verve in a crowded field.

Speaking of inimitable style, this issue is chock full of it, from our newsstand cover story on a dreamy Hawaiian compound by Los Angeles-based Englishman Martyn Lawrence Bullard for a kitesurfing client, to the jewel box Paris loft that designer Fabrizio Casiraghi fashioned for a French entertainment honcho. We also revisit a Titan—Darryl Carter—at home in Washington, D.C. Bonus: Our subscriber cover features the home of Christine and John Gachot, who recently took up residence in a legendary penthouse on Manhattan's East Side. The warmth and intimacy they bring to the space encapsulates what we love about design: its beauty, its transformative power, and its ability to get us thinking about ourselves in bold new ways. ■

Asad.

Asad Syrkett, Editor in Chief
 elledecor@hearst.com
 @as4d

2021 A-LIST INDUCTEES TOP ROW, FROM LEFT: Alfredo Paredes, Cliff Fong (Matt Blacke), Delia Kenza, Anooshey Rahim (Dune Hai), Elliott Barnes. **SECOND ROW:** Fabrizio Casiraghi, Florence Lopez, Ghislaine Viñas, Heide Hendricks and Rafe Churchill, Thomas Kligerman and John Ike. **THIRD ROW:** Jean Liu, Juliana Lima Vasconcellos, Leslie Bennett (Pine House Edible Gardens), Michael K. Chen, Todd Nickey and Amy Kehoe. **BOTTOM ROW:** Poonam Khanna (Unionworks), Rafael de Cárdenas, Adam Hills and Maria Speake (Retrouvius), Nina Cooke John, Terremoto.

The

LIST
2021

101 TOP DESIGNERS SHAPING OUR WORLD!

Welcome to the **11th A-List**, our annual look at the most exciting names in residential interiors, architecture, and landscape. This year's roster includes a new crop of 20 standouts; we also debut our **Titans** honor roll, which celebrates two dozen exceptionally influential talents. The list is by no means exhaustive—but who wants that after the year we've just had? We like to think of it, instead, as a **breath of fresh air.**

BY THE EDITORS OF ELLE DECOR

CLASS OF 2021

This year, we're introducing 20 exciting talents to our A-List. These global firms in decor, architecture, and landscape caught our attention for their dynamic approach to design and, in many cases, for their proactive commitment to community engagement.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Native plants line a path in a **Dune Hai** landscape in Pope Valley, California. The bar at the chic restaurant **Mon Square** in Paris, which was designed by **Florence Lopez**. A dramatic dining room by **Delia Kenza** in a Harlem townhouse.

ALFREDO PAREDES STUDIO

NEW YORK CITY
 @alfredoparedesstudio
 alfredoparedesstudio.com
 Paredes launched his studio in 2019 after more than three decades at Ralph Lauren Home. He's since applied his bohemian-industrial aesthetic to endeavors like a beachfront restaurant in South Florida and furniture for EJ Victor.

DELIA KENZA INTERIORS

NEW YORK CITY
 @deliakenza
 deliakenzainteriors.com
 Trained as a lawyer, this New York City native is sought after for her swank brown-stone redos, like the Harlem townhouse recently featured on ElleDecor.com. Lately, she is also branching out: New projects range from a community-focused event space in the Bronx to a restaurant in Austin, Texas.

DUNE HAI

OAKLAND, CALIF.
 @dune_hai
 dunehai.com
 Anoshey Rahim founded Dune Hai to reframe the conversation around landscape architecture: whom it benefits, how, when, and why. Her California projects include the expansive Pope Valley estate featured in our April 2021 issue and an Oakland preschool's garden.

ELLIOTT BARNES

PARIS
 @elliottbarnesarchitect
 ebinteriors.com
 The Los Angeles native emerged from the tutelage of Arthur Erickson and Andrée Putman to found his own Parisian firm. The expat's design projects include hotels, country homes, and a forthcoming lighting collection. And with his renovation of Ruinart's Champagne cellars in Reims, France, he is poised to pop off.

FABRIZIO CASIRAGHI

PARIS
 @fabriziocasiraghi
 fabriziocasiraghi.com
 Trained under Dominique Perrault and Dimorestudio, Casiraghi has a sophisticated approach that draws on his Milanese upbringing. (For a case study in his style, turn to the emerald-toned Parisian loft on page 100.) Coming soon: hotels in St.-Tropez and London. ▷



"Mark is an unabashed devotee of interior design. His enthusiasm for decor is infectious. Just last week I handed him a hammer and a picture hook, and he hung some art for me in my house. That was sweet."

—NANCY MEYERS ON MARK D. SIKES (P. 84)



"I'd always loved and admired Peter's fabrics and designs from afar, but assumed he'd be a fancy-pants, snooty type. When I met him, however, he was so real and down to earth that I felt as if I'd known him all my life—and wished I had."

—JULIA LOUIS-DREYFUS
ON PETER DUNHAM (P. 86)



MATT BLACKE
LOS ANGELES
@mattblackeinc
mattblackeinc.com

Matt Blacke is a pseudonym of sorts (get it?) for the West Coast designer Cliff Fong. As creative director of L.A.'s Galerie Half, he sources collectible design and fine art for clients like Ellen DeGeneres and Ryan Murphy. And while his residential work generates press (his Hancock Park project was on our March 2021 cover), an upcoming endeavor—the Fantom Flower, an L.A. restaurant with a marijuana lounge—has a different kind of buzz.

MICHAEL K. CHEN
ARCHITECTURE
NEW YORK CITY
@mkcarchitecture
mkca.com

The architect has spent the past 10 years cultivating a studious sensibility that still radiates warmth and character. In addition to a Manhattan residence featured on our January/February 2021 cover, Chen is slated to break ground on his first health-care and civic projects in Brooklyn. Coming this fall: a debut collection of furniture with New York-based design studio TRNK. ▷



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: A stair hall in a Dallas home renovated by **Jean Liu**. The March 2021 cover of ELLE DECOR featured this Los Angeles residence designed by **Cliff Fong**. A Marin County, California, landscape by **Terremoto**. The living area of a Neuilly-sur-Seine, France, apartment by **Elliott Barnes**. Textural interest in a Paris dining room by **Rafael de Cárdenas**.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: LISA DETOLE; MILLIAM ABRANOVICZ; CATELIN ATWANG