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Who will you choose for your next big project? We guarantee it will be one of these names...

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48 TAYLOR HOWES

Led by founder and CEO Karen Howes, this sought-after Knightsbridge studio typically has a handful of global commissions on the go, whether a ski chalet in Verbier, a family home in Kuwait, a beach house in the Middle East or a yacht. Colour and fine art often anchor a scheme, as does working with British makers and sourcing collectors' items that can be passed down the generations – part of the longevity of design ethos that clients love. taylorhowes.co.uk

49 TH2 DESIGNS

Timeless, relaxed homes that maximise space and light: that's the thinking behind the designs of Gail Taylor and Sheila El-Hadery, who also always add plenty of texture and warm tones. Recently, they've turned their hand to transforming three apartments into an eight-bedroom ski chalet in the French Alps (complete with a Japanese plunge pool, sauna, extensive walk-in ski boot room and wine cellar), a pared-back house in Jordan, and a Mayfair penthouse. The pair have a collection of furniture, Th2 Studio, too. th2designs.co.uk

50 VSP INTERIORS

An expert in country houses, VSP Interiors founder Henriette von Stockhausen begins with preserving the architectural features of a building, then adds in modern art, colour and texture. Her little black book of craftspeople and suppliers is extensive: for one Santa Barbara home recently, she sourced antique fabrics for curtains, collaborated with Iksel on custom pieces, and converted a Japanese garden temple into a dining space. A capsule collection of wallpapers and fabrics is in the pipeline, as is designing interiors for a chalet in Austria and a Jugendstil house in Bavaria. vspinteriors.com

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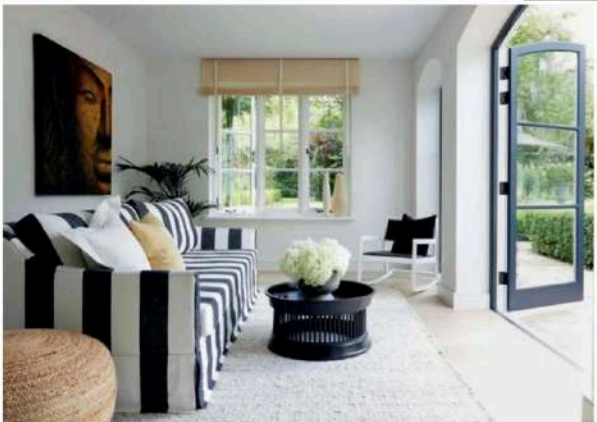
TH2 DESIGNS

Creating thoughtful and timeless homes for over two decades

Th2 Designs has been creating thoughtful and timeless homes for clients in the UK and internationally for over 20 years. Directors Gail Taylor and Sheila El-Hadery have over 30 years of experience in the industry and set up the studio with a shared dream of delivering luxury and relaxed interiors alongside passionate like-minded professionals. The expert team is skilled at maximising both space and light. With a keen eye and deep understanding of how people live and relax, they work closely with clients to transform each property to suit an individual's lifestyle. Comfort is key and the team ensures that homes not only look beautiful but are a joy to live in for the long term.

Clients come to Th2 Designs firstly for Gail and Sheila, and so, over the past two decades, the company has firmly established itself as a leading interior design studio. It has built long-standing relationships with architects, lighting designers and contractors as well as an ever-growing network of local artisans and craft makers. These elements guarantee that each project is delivered beyond its clients' expectations.

Current UK commissions include the extensive refurbishment of a unique country house on the outskirts of London, a beachfront home in Devon and an idyllic townhouse in Marylebone. Further afield, Th2 Designs are working in locations such as the Channel Islands, Europe and Jordan. They recently completed a



The studio designs elegant homes in their signature relaxed luxury style



ACROSS TIME

PAST Founders Gail and Sheila have worked together in the interior design industry since 1995. **PRESENT** Four of the 14-strong Th2 team have just celebrated a decade of working at the studio. **FUTURE** The company is looking to expand its charity involvement, ensuring that it always has at least one giving-back project on the go.



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chalet in the Alps where the interior architectural and design team reconfigured three apartments into one incredibly spacious eight-bedroom home. In addition to private residential work, they continue to add to the furniture collection, Th2 Studio.

At the core of the company is kindness and this culture extends to charity work too. The team is currently working in collaboration with Vineyard Community to renovate a community centre, as well as supporting others such as The Poppy Factory, Regenerate and Furnishing Futures.

Design Destinations

1 The Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice The Venetian home of this great art collector continues to be a favourite for its 18th-century architectural backdrop as well as the incredible collection of art and sculptures.

2 COMO The Treasury Perth These elegant historical state buildings have been transformed and are now a contemporary hotel. It's a great lesson in seamlessly combining old and new to create a harmonious design.

3 The Hakone Open-Air Museum, Japan Located in the countryside outside Tokyo and within sight of Mount Fuji, this beautifully landscaped garden houses an amazing collection of sculptures.

4 Hotel Mayfair This London hotel has organic interiors that embrace sustainability. Textures and materials are combined with lots of planting and clever 'green' design ideas.

5 Antwerp A great location for inspiration, it's full of understated design and the home of many leading interior design suppliers.

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