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ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES WE PRESENT THE FIRST PART
OF OUR GUIDE TO THE TOP DECORATORS WORKING IN THE UK TODAY



If *House & Garden* is to be the standard bearer of the best in interior design, it follows that we must champion the men and women in the profession. That is why we publish this directory every three years – a list that is compiled after exhaustive research. Some of the names belong to large companies with an international reputation, others are individuals of outstanding talent. Just under 20 per cent are new entries since 2009. The interior-design industry in this country makes a significant contribution to the economy, nourishing many satellite businesses such as antiques and fine-art dealers, British manufacturers and craft-based enterprises. Exports also benefit from our world-renowned designers, and work by them on foreign-owned property generates huge amounts of overseas revenue. Split across this and next month's issues, you will find 100 interior designers and 100 different approaches to design. Some create, some interpret, some are subtle, some are eccentric. Some are historically expert, some are minimal and some prioritise comfort. Some of these decorators will help you spend a fortune well and some will help you save money. However, they all have one thing in common: they have earned their place here by doing what they do excellently.

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MONIKA APPONYI AND GERALDINE APPONYI

Background Monika Apponyi trained at the Inchbald School of Design and set up MM Design in 1985. Her daughter, Geraldine, graduated in fine art and worked for a leading US architecture and design firm, then joined Monika as a partner in 2007. They work throughout London and Europe.



Projects Right now, MM Design is busy on the renovation of a house in London and a house in Esher for a repeat client, along with a 'spectacular' project in Vienna. They have also finished the renovation of two Chelsea properties and a flat in Notting Hill, and the rebuild of an old farmhouse in Austria.

They say We like to create comfortable, welcoming homes that work hard for our clients. Our style nudges towards the classic, sometimes with emphasis on colour and antiques, sometimes more neutral, using Forties furniture and modern elements.

We say A dedicated mother-and-daughter team with a shared design aesthetic and a love of luxurious finishes and bespoke detailing. At MM Design, the client-designer relationship is all.

Most challenging commission? A newly built, classical house in Spain planned and designed after only three meetings with the architect and client.

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