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COLLECTOR'S ISSUE

The
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Arabia's top talents in architecture and interior design



From left: Pallavi Dean, Brian Johnson (GAJ), Janus Rostock, (Atkins), Marie Laurent, Chakib Richani, David T'Kint (HBA Dubai), Jonathan Ashmore (Anarchitect), Diane Thorsen (Perkins+Will), Claude Missir and Rany Boutros

Photography: Toufic Araman

Hair: Anna from SoH Art + Beauty

Makeup: Sarah from Shiseido

Dresses: Elisabetta Franchi

Location: 33rd floor, Volante Dubai, sister development to the award winning Le Reve residences



FOSTER + PARTNERS

Led by Norman Foster, British architecture, design and engineering studio Foster + Partners has established an international reputation with buildings such as the Beijing Airport, Hearst Headquarters, New York and the German Parliament in Berlin. Over the past five decades, the firm has developed a sustainable approach to architecture. **KEY PROJECTS:** The 240,000-sq m Al Faisaliah Complex, Riyadh, featuring Saudi Arabia's first skyscraper; Abu Dhabi's Masdar City intended to be carbon neutral and zero waste and Zayed National Museum, Saadiyat Island Cultural District. **Abu Dhabi; fosterandpartners.com**

PROSPECT DESIGN INTERNATIONAL

The firm behind some of the ritziest entertaining spaces in Dubai, including Billionaire Mansion in Taj Hotel, The Gramercy in DIFC and VIP Room, JW Marriott Marquis Hotel, believes in translating a client's brief into a design that balances functionality, form and purpose.

PRINCIPALS: Fady Chams, Samy Chams, Alia Soufan **KEY PROJECTS:** In Dubai - Cove Beach Club, Jumeirah Beach Hotel; Sass Café, Al Fattan Tower; 40Kong, H Hotel; Eden Beach Club, Rixos Hotel; Cielo Sky Lounge, Dubai Golf; People by Crystal nightclub, Raffles Hotel. **UP NEXT:** Gotha nightclub, Okku Grill & Beach Club and Parq outdoor restaurant. **ON RESTAURANT DESIGN:** "Being striking isn't enough. A good designer should understand the owner's vision and cuisine philosophy and convert them into a harmonious interior." **Dubai and Cannes; prospect-design.com**

RESIDENCE BY CLAUDE MISSIR



BP HQ BY PERKINS+WILL

RMJM

RMJM's designs have won numerous awards and delivered commercial success to scores of clients. 2016 marks the 60th anniversary of the firm, established in the UK (the Dubai office was founded in 1971). **KEY PROJECTS:** Gate Precinct DIFC, Hyatt Regency Dubai Creek Heights, Dubai International Convention & Exhibition Centre, Jumeirah Creekside Hotel, H Hotel and Office Tower, all in Dubai and Abu Dhabi's Capital Gate and ADNEC Complex. **UP NEXT:** DIFC Gate Avenue, Innovation Hub business park, hotels in Dubai and a major mixed use project in Riyadh. **DESIGN PHILOSOPHY:** "Our buildings are considered, realistic and contextual buildings. We take time to understand what our clients want from their project - their aspirations, budget and target audience. We treat every building as a unique opportunity." **30 studios worldwide, including Dubai; rmjm.com**

RAMY BOUTROS

One of the designers featured on the cover of this issue, Ramy Boutros is a true aesthete. In addition to architectural and interior design services, he provides clients with custom furniture and jewellery design as well as curatorial services of rare and collectible art. Ramy believes in realising clients' fantasies with design, whether it's a bank headquarters or an objet d'art, and often balances period references with modern elements. **UP NEXT:** The fit-out of a superyacht in 1940s style, and the interiors of the Jean Nouvel-designed Landmark Hotel in downtown Beirut. **Beirut; ramyboutros.com**

CLAUDE MISSIR

Started almost two decades ago, Claude Missir's firm handles projects in Europe and the Middle East, from luxury and boutique hotels to commercial spaces and yachts. The designer, who appears on the cover of this issue, has a signature functional, fun and innovative aesthetic stamped across all of his work. **RECENT PROJECTS:** Kempinski hotel in Aqaba and a string of cafés and restaurants in Beirut. **UP NEXT:** Residential apartments in London, Paris and Beirut. **DESIGN PHILOSOPHY:** "To deliver a supplement of soul and ingenuity to each of our projects." **Beirut; claudemissir.com**

ANARCHITECT

With over a decade of experience working in Europe and the Middle East, British architect Jonathan Ashmore (featured on the cover of this issue) founded Anarchitect in 2013. The award-winning architecture and interior design practice creates architecture at diverse scales of design with superlative craft, detail and materiality. **RECENT WORKS:** Home-grown brands such as No57 Café in Abu Dhabi. **UP NEXT:** A boutique hotel in the UAE and a luxury spa for a globally recognised brand making its debut in the region. **Dubai; anarchitect.com**

PERKINS+WILL

Since 1935, Perkins+Will has reimagined how space can be used to foster stronger ties between communities, nature and the built environment. The firm employs 1,900 architects and design professionals, of which 96 are based in Dubai. Steven Charlton is managing director of the Middle East region, while principal design director Diane Thorsen is featured on our cover.

KEY PROJECTS: Refurbishing the lobby, business lounges and presidential suites in Jumeirah Emirates Towers Hotel in Dubai, interior design of the LinkedIn Corporation in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. **UP NEXT:** The twin tower residential development BLVD Heights, Downtown Dubai. **DESIGN PHILOSOPHY:** "We believe that design has the power to positively transform people and the planet". **23 offices worldwide, including Dubai; perkinswill.com**

HBA

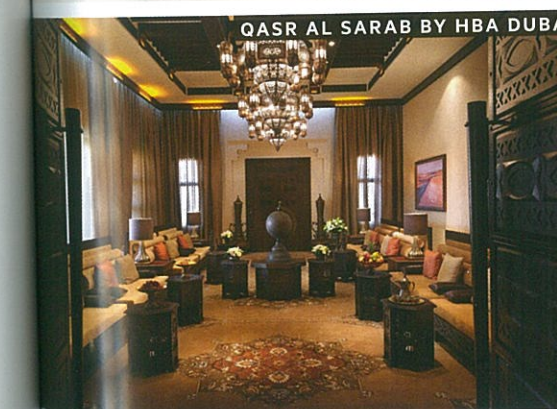
One of the world's leading hospitality interior design firms, HBA (Hirsch Bedner Associates) employs more than 1,800 designers around the globe. David Tkint, featured on the cover of this issue, leads the Dubai office. HBA's project experience spans hotels, restaurants, spas, casinos and residences, and specialisations - including interior design, architecture, graphic design and art, among others. **KEY PROJECTS:** The St. Regis and Four Seasons Abu Dhabi, Raffles Istanbul and Jakarta, and Grand Hyatt Dubai. **UP NEXT:** The new Hilton Curio Qatar and Kempinski Beirut. **20 offices worldwide, including Dubai; www.hba.com**



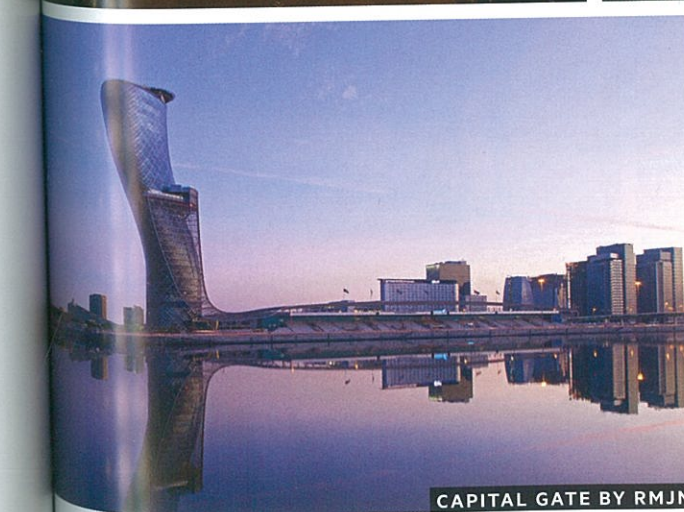
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