ELLE DECOR
JUNE 2019
THE NEW A-LIST IS HERE
DESIGN'S FUTURE IS FEMALE
SUPER DECORATOR INDIA MAHDAVI TELLS ALL
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TO INFINITY AND BEYOND!
THE BEST POOLS FOR EVERY BACKYARD

THE FUTURE IS FEMALE

ELLE DECOR A-LIST 2019

NINE YEARS AGO, *ELLE DECOR* INAUGURATED A LIST OF THE **GREATEST DECORATORS** IN THE WORLD. THAT INITIAL GROUP NUMBERED 25 TALENTS, WHO WERE SINGLED OUT BY THE MAGAZINE FOR "THEIR HIGH STYLE, SERIOUS COMFORT, AND SNAPPY IDEAS." IT WAS 2010. THE INDUSTRY WAS STILL RECOVERING FROM THE GREAT RECESSION; INSTAGRAM LAUNCHED THAT FALL; AND THE #METOO MOVEMENT WAS SIMMERING BUT STILL HARD TO IMAGINE. ▷

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Highlighted boxes represent firms with female principals on our A-List.

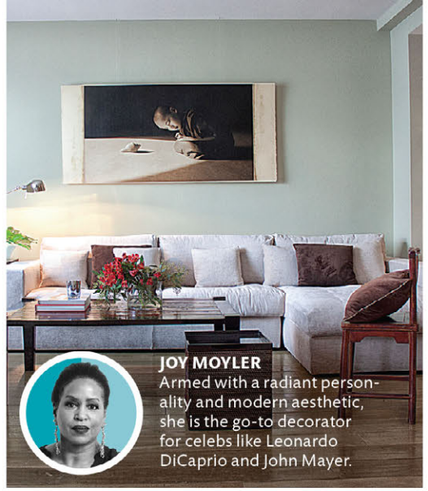
In the design world, then as now, women were a majority of practitioners. But in 2010, ELLE DECOR's A-List consisted of 17 men and eight women—a ratio of about two to one. In retrospect, that never seemed quite fair in an industry in which women have always been at the forefront of everything from interiors to furniture design. But as the directory expanded from the initial 25 designers to more than 140, the proportion of women to men sadly never righted itself—until now.

It's time to give recognition where it is due (let's face it, overdue). To that end, this year we are inducting 34 female designers. The additions, pictured at right, will result in a major shift: Women now outnumber men on the list.

In rebalancing the designers' registry, *ED*'s editors had only to look at our own design coverage to find top talent. In the pages of this publication, women consistently deliver some of our most spectacular design projects. This year alone, our cover stories have included stunning homes designed by Mary McDonald and Delphine Krakoff—both of whom appear on our A-List for the first time. These designers join our other new additions, including up-and-comers like Sasha Bikoff, who just six years after founding her New York–based firm is making a global splash with her collaboration with Versace Home, and Champalimaud Design, the Manhattan firm whose exquisite hospitality work is seen everywhere from the Raffles Hotel in Singapore to the Pierre in New York City.

Of course, talent knows no gender, and this year we are adding the work of several standout men to the A-List, from David Kaihoi (the Miles Redd collaborator behind our M.C. Escher–esque June 2018 cover) to Brad Ford, who in addition to crafting beautiful interiors has also become a champion of artisans with his Field + Supply fair in upstate New York. For the first time, we're also adding landscape designers to the list, since the outdoors more than ever completes the home. As for the A-List architects, look for them on our annual January list; the most recent iteration included such leading lights as Deborah Berke and Mariam Kamara.

A magazine is subjective, but we know that great design is much more than the beautiful images and eloquent words that are our stock-in-trade. It's our duty as editors to ensure that our design journalism incorporates what happens inside a home's four walls while also holding a mirror to our greater society at large. It's our hope that this recalibrated tally represents not only our rich and diverse present, but also helps to lead the charge to a glorious and diverse future in which design matters—for all. —*Ingrid Abramovitch*



JOY MOYLER
Armed with a radiant personality and modern aesthetic, she is the go-to decorator for celebs like Leonardo DiCaprio and John Mayer.

ESTEE STANLEY
The fashion stylist turned decorator created this fantasy playroom for her two children (featured in the April 2019 issue of *ED*).

ALEXA HAMPTON
Keeper of the flame of her legendary father, Mark Hampton, and a specialist in maximalism.

ALEXANDRA CHAMPALIMAUD
This Anglo-Portuguese expat is one of the world's most talented luxury hospitality designers.

AMY LAU
A cofounder of Design Miami, her bold interiors meld art and craft with a passion for vintage furniture.

ANISHKA CLARKE
One half of the Brooklyn firm Ishka Designs, whose focus is creating stark, modern interiors for luxury hospitality clients.

ANN WOLF
Houston-based purveyor of Southern charm with a modern palette.

BEATA HEUMAN
A London up-and-comer with a whimsical, unexpected approach to interiors.

CORINNE GILBERT
A former fashion designer, the Parisian, now based in Brooklyn, creates interiors with French chic.

DEBORAH NEVINS
Sought-after landscape designer of the highest order.

DELPHINE KRAKOFF
Paris-born creator of exuberant and playful spaces, as seen on the cover of *ED*'s May 2019 issue.

"I have never felt more empowered in my life **as a woman** than when I am designing."
SASHA BIKOFF

CATHERINE MARTIN
The production designer also crafts curated and dazzling interiors, like this home from the September 2018 issue of *ED*.

GEORGIA TAPERT HOWE
Los Angeles–based designer whose livable rooms meld contemporary with traditional.

ILSE CRAWFORD
A multidisciplinary designer from London with a focus on well-being.

ISABEL LÓPEZ-QUESADA
This Madrid-based decorator specializes in making artful and sophisticated spaces.

ISABELLE STANISLAS
Parisian designer with a great penchant for contemporary forms.

JENNY FISCHBACH
Cullman & Kravis alum known for her easygoing, sophisticated rooms.

KIT KEMP
The co-owner of London-based Firmdale Hotels updates classic English taste with style and wit.

LILY KWONG
New York landscape designer with arguably the greenest, edgiest thumb.

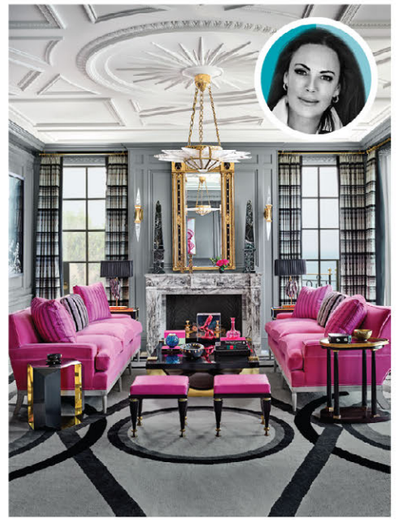
LINDA PINTO
The sister of the late, great designer Alberto Pinto continues his elegant style.

2MICHAELS
Identical twins and partners Jayne and Joan Michaels are masters of understated good taste.

MARIE-ANNE OUDEJANS
Dutch-born, India-based provider of maharaja-grade opulence.

MONIQUE GIBSON
Celeb clients like Jon Stewart appreciate her livable, appealing environments.

NICOLE FULLER
Decorator of full-on-glam spaces and designer of collections for Ann Sacks and the Rug Company.



MARY McDONALD
This living room by the Los Angeles–based celebrity decorator was featured on the cover of the March 2019 issue of *ED*.

NINA CAMPBELL
British grande dame and decorator to the royals and a Beatle.

SARAH BARTHOLOMEW
Nashville-based designer with a sharp take on Southern classic.

SASHA BIKOFF
The baroness of bold, she was tapped by Donatella Versace for a collaboration during Milan Design Week.

STEPHANIE GOTO
Her minimalist interiors grace everything from homes to art galleries.

SUSAN FERRIER
The Atlanta resident creates interiors marked by luxury and attention to detail.

SUZANNE TUCKER
San Francisco–based virtuoso whose rooms pair old-world elegance with modern luxury.

VIRGINIA TUPKER
Traditional with a fashionable twist is the signature of this New York editor turned designer.

YOUNG HUH
Breakout star of the career-making 2019 Kips Bay Decorator Show House, the former lawyer has a romantic sensibility.

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