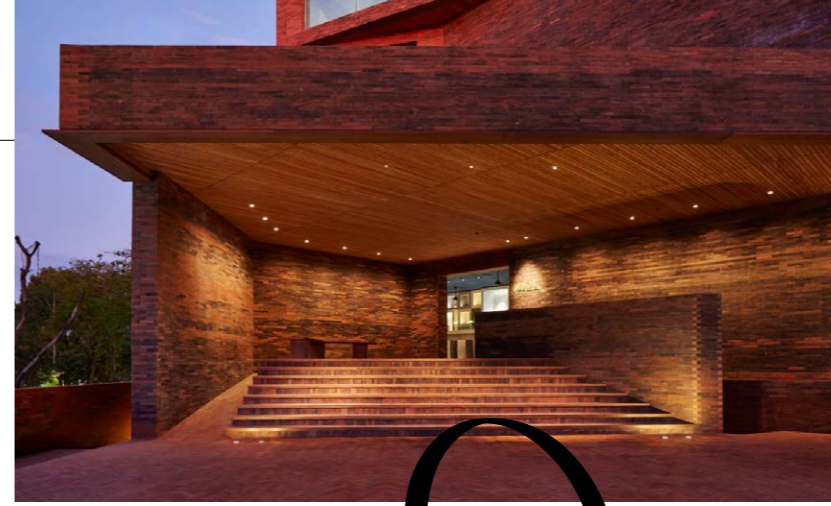


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A PAST WINNER IN THE BELLE INTERIOR DESIGN AWARDS AND A FINALIST IN THE 2021 EDITION, INTERIOR DESIGNER YASMINE GHONIEM FIRST ROSE TO ATTENTION IN AMBER ROAD, A DESIGN BUSINESS WITH HER SISTER, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT KATY SVALBE. NOW PRINCIPAL OF MULTI-DISCIPLINARY YSG STUDIO, HER ENERGETIC VISION IS DRAWING ACCOLADES FROM ALL QUARTERS FOR HER BRILLIANTLY CUSTOMISED INTERIORS, WHETHER BOUTIQUE HOTEL, CELEBRITY RESIDENCE OR COLLABORATION, SUCH AS HER 'FANTALES' KITCHEN FOR LAMINEX (PICTURED). "PERFECTION IN MY BOOK IS ABOUT COHESIVE CLASHES AND UNPREDICTABLE CONCLUSIONS. IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT DESIGN OUTCOMES SUPERSEDE OUR CLIENTS' WILDEST EXPECTATIONS," SHE SAYS. YSG.STUDIO

INFLUENCES



CUTTING EDGE Indonesian architect Andra Matin chose multi-hued bricks, handmade tiles and bespoke terrazzo to clad Katamama boutique hotel (left), next to Potato Head beach club in Seminyak, Bali. Splicing and slicing Scarpa influences, the entrance is phenomenal with a chunky canopy that juts out at an angle to shelter a broad staircase. potatohead.co/seminyak/sleep/potato-head-suites/katamama-suite



ZEINAB KHATOUN HISTORIC HOUSE, NEAR AL-AZHAR MOSQUE IN THE DARB AL-AHMAR DISTRICT IN OLD CAIRO, HAS AN AMAZING HISTORY INCLUDING PROVIDING SHELTER TO FIGHTERS OPPOSING THE FRENCH OCCUPATION. THIS UNIQUE AND BEAUTIFUL BUILDING IS A MUST-SEE.



Call me biased, but I spent a week on my honeymoon at the Poseidonion Grand Hotel (above), opened in 1914 on the island of Spetses in Greece. With its waterfront location and unique setting, it was incredible.
poseidonion.com/en

01 INSPIRING SPACES

ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS

02

BANK HANDLERS Adelaide-based hardware company Bankston has an extensive selection of doorhandles. Kudos to their Super Collection range (below), a collaboration with Sans-Arc studio, for its refreshingly quirky shapes. bankstonarchitectural.com.au/sans-arc

I AM LOVING THE NEW SLEEK 'SENSOR' TAPS (BELOW) WITH SMART NEW-AGE TECHNOLOGY FROM ASTRA WALKER - THEY ARE A TIMELY RESPONSE TO THE GLOBAL DEMAND FOR CONTACTLESS HAND HYGIENE. ASTRAWALKER.COM.AU





[Truly cosmic]
SURRY HILLS

One of my favourite Sydney stores is Planet (left). From coffee and dining tables to shelving options (below), everything's made from premium Australian hardwoods. The store also stocks vintage Japanese ceramics, silk and velvet cushions, and organic cotton towels. It's a mocha haven. planetfurniture.com.au



BOUTIQUES

STORE ROOM KARIN HUCHATZ'S THE DEA STORE IN REDFERN IS OUR GO-TO FOR FURNISHING AND STYLING YSG SPACES, INCLUDING MY OWN HOME. SHE SOURCES INCREDIBLE JAPANESE CERAMICS, CUSTOM PIECES DEVISED BY LOCAL MAKERS AND BEAUTIFUL HOMEWARES (BELOW), AMONG THEM EMBROIDERED CUSHIONS, GLASSWARE AND ARTWORKS. THEDEASTORE.COM



SHOPPING STOP
I first came across Véronique Boutique (above), in Portugal on a personal trip to Lisbon. I was lucky enough to return almost a decade later on a Dulux DIALOGUE travel scholarship that I won in 2019. Her store stocks the most beautiful clothes with some of my favourite brands, including Vivetta. veronique-boutique.net

ANDÉOL MOIRÉ IMAGE TAKEN AT QUANGANG COTTAGE, A SUSTAINABLE RESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE, BYRON BAY.



WHEN LAMINEX COMMISSIONED YSG TO CREATE A KITCHEN CONCEPT USING THEIR AMAZING SURFACES MY RESPONSE WAS 'THE FANTALES KITCHEN', WHICH INCLUDES THIS CURVAVEOUS CUSTOM TABLE AND CHAIR. LAMINEX.COM.AU/COLLABORATIONS/YSG/FANTALES-KITCHEN

DECORATION

04



[Positively geared]
WARP AND WEFT

Sydney's Think Positive are leaders in direct-to-fabric digital printing and textile design and collaborate to create bespoke fabrics with fashion houses and designers, including YSG. Their new offspring, Andéol Moiré, features pastel watercolour-like stripes that ripple across natural fabrics including silk and linen to adorn soft home furnishings and wearables. andeolmoire.com; [@bebemoire](https://twitter.com/bebemoire); thinkpositiveprints.com

FINISHING POST I rarely just paint a wall. I collaborate with Creative Finish Sydney on many of my projects. Marmarino finishes (a type of Venetian plaster) on walls and ceilings enables light to seep and pool across surfaces like shimmery crushed velvet. Ceiling murals and trompe-l'œil floor finishes are also a specialty. In Crane in the Sky's master bedroom (below) a waterscape of ripples and lilies float upon its ceiling. There are few YSG surfaces that haven't been touched by their hands! creativefinishsydney.com



FLOOR ART Cadrys has an incredible selection of rugs (left) from vintage kilims to bold tessellated graphics on fine-spun wool that guarantee the softest of landings. Visiting the Sydney store is like stepping into Aladdin's Cave. I also work closely with Tappeti to create custom rugs and runners for clients. The process is like unleashing paint on a massive canvas. You can refine and tweak along the way without the mess. cadrys.com.au; tappeti.com.au



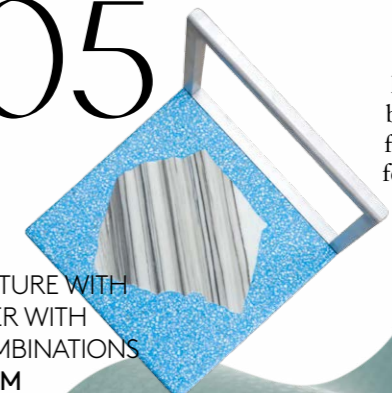
[Natural growth]
OCEANOGRAPHIC

Locally, Jessie French is producing incredible vessels from algae-based bioplastic (pictured) and ocean ecologies. I saw her work last year in Melbourne and would love to use it in an interior. jessiefrench.com

STEFAN SCHOLTEN IS CREATING REALLY MINIMALIST FURNITURE WITH PATCHWORK-LIKE MARBLE OFFCUTS MELDED TOGETHER WITH COLOURFUL TERRAZZO JOINTS (RIGHT). THE GRAPHIC COMBINATIONS ARE REALLY DIRECTIONAL. STEFANSCHOLTEN.COM

LUXE SUSTAINABILITY

05



KINDLY CLOTH

Ultrafabrics have just launched Volar Bio, the first bio-based, high-performance fabric which has the look and feel of leather. It incorporates renewable plant-based materials and won a PETA Vegan Homeware Award in 2020 in the Innovation category. ultrafabricsinc.com/Collections/Modern-Textures/Volar-Bio



CAPTURING CLASSICS
Barcelona-based artist Sergio Roger presented a complete fabrication of classical iconography at Gallery Rossana Orlandi in Milan in late 2021. Textile Ruins re-interpreted natural stone sculptures (left) with delicately embroidered antique linen and velvet. So exquisite. sergioroger.com

STAGE DESIGNER ES DEVLIN'S UK PAVILION (BELOW) AT THE WORLD EXPO 2020 IN DUBAI HOTWIRES HUMAN EMOTIONS IN AN INCLUSIVE WAY. CONSTRUCTED IN CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER, THE CONE-SHAPED STRUCTURE'S CIRCULAR FACADE IS MADE FROM PROTRUDING SLATS THAT DISPLAY LED WORDS SUBMITTED BY VISITORS AND GENERATED BY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. IT'S AN EXPRESSION OF THE IDEAL OF A CULTURALLY DIVERSE BRITAIN BUT THE THEME IS UNIVERSAL. ENDS MARCH 31. ESDEVLIN.COM



DESIGN



[Milano find]
NEW ANGLES

I'm a huge fan of Draga & Aurel (above). I love their latest Golia coffee table collection (right) that premiered at Salone del Mobile featuring trademark materials (raw concrete, translucent resin and brass) but with glamorously brutalist angles instead of their familiar curves. draga-aurel.com



GUN SHOP Jewellery serves a talisman purpose for me. I love collecting pieces from my main witch, Ouroboros Limited Editions. Antique jewels are imbued with magical powers intended to protect and I love the edgy resilience of my one-off pieces like this charm (above). ouroboroslimitededitions.com

FANTASTIC FIGURE
I recently purchased my first sculpture from Ramesh Mario Nithiyendran (left) – I've always just missed out on getting a piece, so I can't believe I got in there at last. ramesh-nithiyendran.com

ART & COLLECTABLES

GLASS CLASS I'm a sucker for lamps and love the kinds that filter impressions on walls via cast shadows and moody pools of light. I recently purchased one for the office from Lulu LaFortune (right). lululafortune.com



CREATIVE

ALWAYS UP FOR A CHALLENGE, MEDITERRANEAN MARBLE AND EURO MARBLE HAVE AMAZING STONE SELECTIONS AND SUPERIOR EXECUTION WHEN IT COMES TO REALISING MY DESIGNS (BELOW).
MEDMARBLE.COM.AU;
EUROMARBLE.COM.AU



[Solid performers]
POLISH PIZZAZZ

For my architectural concrete solutions I go to Concreative. Look no further for custom polished concrete benchtops for kitchens, bars and bathrooms. The team worked with us to create an enormous V-shaped 'juniper berry blue' bar in Surry Hills' Four Pillars (above). It steals the show! concreative.com.au

TYPES + ARTISANS



HAY THERE It's ironic they work with straw because everything Australian industrial designer Adam Goodrum and marquetry artisan Arthur Seigneur create seems to turn to gold. A&A's kaleidoscopic pieces are to die for – see 'Exquisite Corpse' (above). adamandarthur.com



REMATERIALISED ENABLES CUSHIONED LANDINGS IN ALL OUR PROJECTS AS WE USUALLY INCORPORATE CUSTOM SEATING. I LOVED WHAT THEY DID WITH KVADRAT FABRICS FOR OUR ATOMIC BEER PROJECT (LEFT) IN SYDNEY. [INSTAGRAM.COM/REMATERIALISED](https://www.instagram.com/rematerialised)

TALENT SCOUT I'm currently crushing on French architect and interior designer Laura Gonzalez (below). Her furniture range, just like her residential and commercial projects, has a depth of soul and is inspired by the decorative arts. lauragonzalez.fr/en/the-collection

