



# DESIGN FOR LIVING AWARDS 2014

**Congratulating the winners and shortlisted entrants in ALTO's inaugural luxury lifestyle awards**

ALTO is a celebration of refined luxury, but that's not defined by spend; it's about craftsmanship, difference, uniqueness and the human connection. The Design For Living awards highlight the people, brands, studios, designers, specialists and hoteliers who share these values and who have been such a big part of ALTO's story so far.

We were proud to welcome judges from across the luxury world.

Judging: **Tara Bernerd**, founder, Tara Bernerd & Partners; **Morag Bruce**, acting editor, ALTO; **Carmine Bruno**, managing director, Istdibs International; **Rebecca Davies**, chief executive, LAPADA; **Mark Davison**, head of design, Yoo; **David Hesketh**, master of wine and managing director, Laurent-Perrier UK; **John Hitchcox**, co-founder and chairman, Yoo; **Martyn Lawrence Bullard**, interior designer; **Lamberto Tacoli**, CEO, CRN Yachts.

Look for the **A** symbol throughout this issue, denoting winners and shortlisted entrants. Until next year...

## STUDIO OF THE YEAR

**SARAH LAVOINE**

*"Whenever we feature Lavoine's projects in ALTO, they shine from its pages. She creates spaces that are surprising, soulful and effortlessly chic." Morag Bruce*

[www.sarahlavoine.com](http://www.sarahlavoine.com)



### THE SHORTLIST

**NICHOLAS HASLAM LTD**

*"Superbly blending old and new, Nicholas Haslam Ltd's schemes are always sympathetic to the original features while giving them a distinctly contemporary feel." Rebecca Davies*

[www.nicholashaslam.com](http://www.nicholashaslam.com)

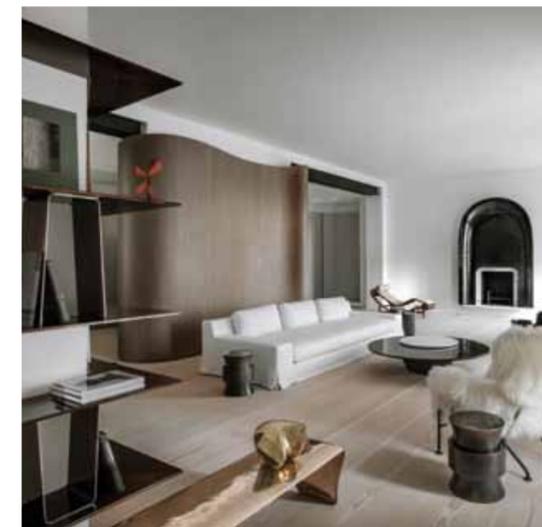


**ELLIOTT BARNES INTERIORS**

*"Clean and bright interiors, paying great attention to detail and warmth. This is a studio that is fully in control of its craft but does not overpower with design ego." John Hitchcox and Mark Davison*

*"A brilliant, emotional approach to luxury." Lamberto Tacoli*

[www.ebinteriors.com](http://www.ebinteriors.com)



**FRANÇOIS CHAMPSAUR**

*"His style is pure modern luxury, but always with a twist." Martyn Lawrence Bullard*

*"Furniture, a beautiful hotel or a luxurious private residence - François Champsaur can do it all. His mastery of colour and light give his interiors a creative, imaginative sensibility and he never does the same thing twice." Carmine Bruno*

[www.champsaur.com](http://www.champsaur.com)



**FAMEED KHALIQUE**

*"To visit Fameed Khalique's studio is to step into a treasure trove of rare and beautiful surfaces - so inspiring." Morag Bruce*

[www.fameedkhalique.com](http://www.fameedkhalique.com)

# PRODUCT, DESIGNER OR BRAND OF THE YEAR

## COX LONDON



*"Incredible craftsmanship, attention to detail, and the deft translation of classic vocabularies into contemporary design."*  
Carmine Bruno

*"Their body of work embodies a fantastic mix of craft, with artisanal pieces that are modern, created using traditional skills. One imagines there is little that could not be realised by this team."* John Hitchcox and Mark Davison

[www.coxlondon.com](http://www.coxlondon.com)

# EMERGING DESIGNER OR BRAND OF THE YEAR

## THE RUBY TREE

*"Exquisite: immediately, I would like to see more. The work is clearly achieved by true dedication and a highly artistic hand. This skilfully produced collection has a precious value to it and is authentic, which today means everything."* Tara Bernerd

[www.therubytreecollection.com](http://www.therubytreecollection.com)



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**LASVIT**  
*"Its name means 'love and light' in Czech, and you can definitely feel that when you see its collections, with its interesting collaborations and dedication to pushing a traditional craft forwards."* Morag Bruce

[www.lasvit.com](http://www.lasvit.com)



**GAINSBOROUGH SILK WEAVING**  
*"From its archive reaching back to the 16th century through to its modern patterns, Gainsborough's fabrics are imbued with quality and craftsmanship. You can reupholster an antique chair in a period-appropriate fabric or create a striking contrast with a 21st-century design - the quality will be superb regardless."* Rebecca Davies

*"Captivating."* Lamberto Tacoli

[www.gainsborough.co.uk](http://www.gainsborough.co.uk)



**OCHRE, 'CELESTIAL PEBBLE' LIGHT**  
*"I love the simplistic quality and style of Ochre's pieces. These pendants are so chic and timeless."* Martyn Lawrence Bullard

[www.ochre.net](http://www.ochre.net)

**ELEY KISHIMOTO, WALLPAPER**  
*"When these doyens of pattern launched a wallpaper range it caused great excitement in the decor world - and the result is as bold and brilliant as we hoped."* Morag Bruce

[www.eleykishimoto.com](http://www.eleykishimoto.com)



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**RICHARD BRENDON**  
*"It's great to see areas of the trade that were not previously considered trendy being made contemporary, while still respecting the history of the craft. Ingenious designs."* Rebecca Davies

*"His passion for the medium and respect for its history clearly play into his innovative work. Sure to become collectors' items."* Carmine Bruno

[www.richardbrendon.com](http://www.richardbrendon.com)

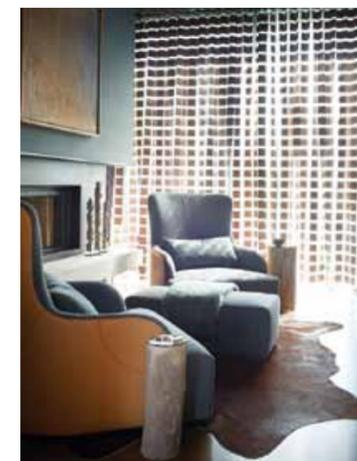


**OLIVIA VON HALLE**  
*"Beautiful, sensual and romantic; this is a brand that hails to a bygone era of glamour."* Martyn Lawrence Bullard

[www.oliviavonhalle.com](http://www.oliviavonhalle.com)

**DJDS**  
*"This is a designer that really understands what 'home' means. DJDS has utilised a grand sense of scale, creating an interestingly eclectic but calm aesthetic."* John Hitchcox and Mark Davison

[www.djds.us](http://www.djds.us)



**TENNANT & TENNANT**  
*"A duo truly in love with its medium. Isabel and Stella have created an exquisite first collection of gilded pieces; we can't wait to see where they go next."* Morag Bruce

[www.tennantandtennant.com](http://www.tennantandtennant.com)



# RETAIL EXPERIENCE OF THE YEAR

## BAXTER LONDON

*"A showroom that beautifully displays a fine selection of furniture. Baxter London presents a great mix of modern and traditional pieces in a warm, atmospheric setting."* John Hitchcox and Mark Davison

*"The look and feel is immediately seductive and the mix of styles carefully considered, with an overall outcome of confidence and, indeed, an interesting collection."* Tara Bernerd

[www.baxterlondon.net](http://www.baxterlondon.net)



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**MATTER OF STUFF**  
*"I love their curation. They have a true vision."* Martyn Lawrence Bullard

*"Matter Of Stuff does an incredible job of supporting emerging 21st-century designers and makers. They tell the stories of these designers, invite you into their world, and contextualise the items that they sell, which is what the most successful e-commerce platforms do."* Carmine Bruno

[www.matterofstuff.com](http://www.matterofstuff.com)



**DESIGNERS GUILD**  
*"The Kings Road flagship has always been a favourite destination for me to seek out fabrics and ideas. It feels partly like an interiors showroom and partly like a design studio, which makes it dynamic and exciting to visit every time."* Rebecca Davies

[www.designersguild.com](http://www.designersguild.com)



**CHAPLINS**  
*"After 20 years in business, Chaplins knows a thing or two about contemporary design, and currently sells more than 180 brands. Its huge retail space is matched by an inspiring website."* Morag Bruce

[www.chaplins.co.uk](http://www.chaplins.co.uk)



**FRONT LONDON**  
*"A brilliant showcase for rugs by designers Jan Kath and Michaela Schleypen. Truly art for the floor, in an atmospheric gallery-like space to prove it."* Morag Bruce

[www.wearefront.com](http://www.wearefront.com)

# TRAVEL EXPERIENCE OF THE YEAR

## SONG SAA PRIVATE ISLAND, CAMBODIA



*"Sometimes the perfect antidote to modern life is a true escape. That's Song Saa."* Rebecca Davies

*"For determination, vision and dedication to travel being a power for good, it's very hard to beat Song Saa founders Rory and Melita Hunter."* Morag Bruce

[www.songsaa.com](http://www.songsaa.com)

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**YACHT CLUB OF MONACO, FOSTER & PARTNERS**  
*"As befitting Monaco, this is the best yacht club in the world."* Lamberto Tacoli

[www.fosterandpartners.com](http://www.fosterandpartners.com)



**TEA TRAILS, SRI LANKA**  
*"Endless afternoon teas, delicious curry feasts, tropical wildlife, and a beautifully restored colonial bungalow to call home - Tea Trails is a unique and very special experience."* Morag Bruce

[www.teatrails.com](http://www.teatrails.com)



**PALAZZO MARGHERITA, ITALY**  
*"Who could resist the combination of fabulous Italian architecture and the cinematic direction of Mr Coppola? Simply marvellous!"* John Hitchcox and Mark Davison

*"Palazzo Margherita is the ultimate in luxury accommodations. From the food to the grounds, the service, the interior design and the amenities, no detail was left unattended. Go at the first chance you get."* Carmine Bruno

[www.coppolaresorts.com/palazzomargherita](http://www.coppolaresorts.com/palazzomargherita)



**ORIGINAL DIVING, KOMODO**  
*"This diving trip on a beautiful sailing boat took 2,000 words to describe in issue 7 of ALTO. The edited version is: truly incredible."* Morag Bruce

[www.originaldiving.com](http://www.originaldiving.com)