

Sweet dreams



Picture:
Dorothee Junkin
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Leading interior designers offer their expert advice on creating the perfect bedroom for optimum relaxation



Layer by layer

Dorothee Junkin Design Services (DJDS) based in New York likes to combine a carefully curated selection of furniture pieces within the company's designs. Combined with a corresponding lighting concept to create a refined layered look, this exudes a feel of contemporary, understated luxury living.

"When it comes to the design of a bedroom for a high-end private residence," explains Dorothee Junkin, "we always try to involve the client as much as possible. Bedrooms tend to be a very personal space, so it's about look, comfort and personal preferences. We source from all over the world to achieve an eclectic feel and a unique individuality for each and every of our designs."

"As it is often the case with design, less can be more and when we develop our furniture concept, we start with the bed and the headboard wall and then move out from there to the surrounding space."

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Some bedrooms may not require a lot of furniture and could quickly feel cluttered. Others may need a sitting group to not feel overly barren and to make sure the space does not become too echoey. A careful and measured approach usually works best."

When it comes to the lighting concept for a bedroom, Dorothee prefers a well-considered placement of several indirect and dimmable light sources with warm, light colours that create a soft glow and highlight certain feature elements of the design.

"We usually stay away from bright colours or bold patterns and work with a varied two-tone scheme," she says. "A colour palette of muted earthy tones provides a calm and relaxing backdrop that can easily be further accessorised with a few richer accents. The element of the haptic experience when touching a beautifully brushed wood grain, delicate silks, sumptuous furs or walking over a plush rug adds another level of definition to the space that can be very subtle but highly effective to create an unique atmosphere." ■

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The Americas is the third section to be judged within the prestigious International Property Awards' programme and I'm pleased to say that we continue to be amazed at the quality of excellence shown by entrants.

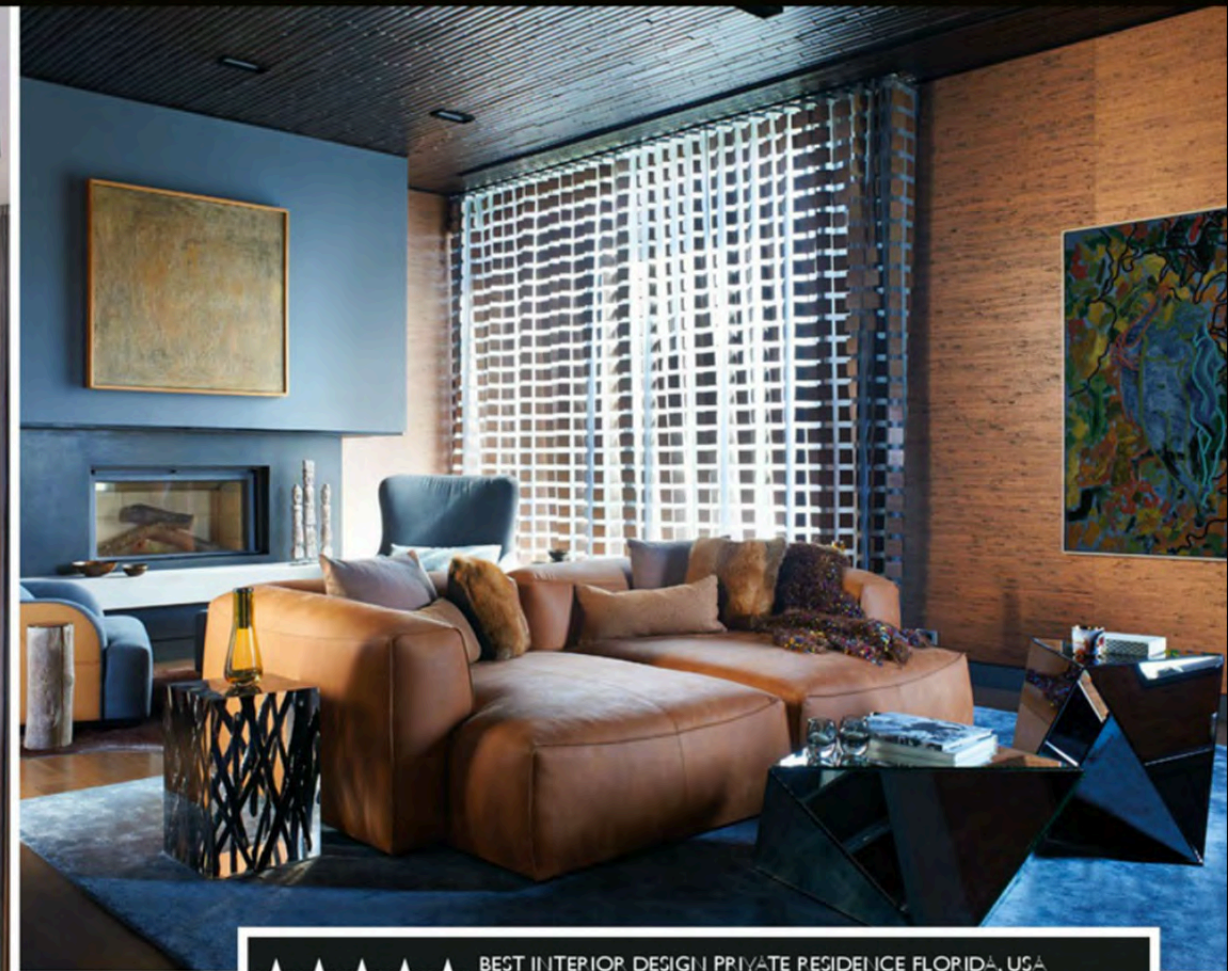
Judging is carried out through a meticulous process involving a panel of over 80 experts covering every aspect of the property business. The panel is chaired by two peers from UK Parliament who oversee different categories – Lord Caithness for development and Lord Best for real estate.

The judges not only look for the most impressive and innovative projects, they also examine the sustainability and eco-friendliness of every property and development that comes under their scrutiny. While proving functional and practical for their occupants' use, interior design projects have to be injected with that all-important 'wow-factor'. Customer service and related services are key elements for success in the real estate agency categories. We look for outstanding customer support and a wide range of property-related services to guide clients through every aspect of the buying and selling processes.

Each and every one of the award-winning companies listed in this publication has demonstrated exemplary levels of expertise by competing against exceedingly strong competition from within the length and breadth of the Americas. Many congratulations to all.

Helen Shield

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