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ELLE DECOR'S A-LIST IS
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THE COUNTRY'S TOP TALENTS—DESIGNERS
WHO CONTINUE TO EXCITE, INSPIRE,
AND INTRIGUE US. PLUS, WE'RE PLEASED
TO FEATURE 10 NEW MEMBERS WHOSE WORK
WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING
WITH PLEASURE

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KRISTEN BUCKINGHAM

Los Angeles-based Kristen Buckingham discovered her passion for design while working on a dream home for her family (she and husband Lindsey Buckingham, from Fleetwood Mac, have three kids). Her Wallace Neff-inspired house led to decorating an actual Neff homestead for actress Reese Witherspoon, as well as to an eponymous shop along the La Cienega design corridor, where she showcases antiques and modern art, as well as her line of bespoke furniture. "Everything I gravitate toward is traditional at heart but has an edge to it," says Buckingham. "I like things fresh and clean—nothing is worse than a home where no one could possibly be comfortable." kristenbuckingham.com.



CARRIER AND COMPANY

In 2010, ELLE DECOR named Jesse Carrier and Mara Miller as designers to watch—but over the past three years, the husband-and-wife team has gone from emerging to established. Ever since a boost from Vogue editor Anna Wintour, an early high-profile client, the New York couple has been turning out a stunning string of interiors for clients in places from Connecticut to Florida, each with a distinctly different vibe. "Every project is shaped to fit the user—we don't have a stamp or a look," says Carrier. "What we maintain," adds Miller, "is a point of view that's edited, light, and tailored." This fall, that vision will extend to product design, with a collection of carpets for Studio Four NYC. carrierandcompany.com.



CHAMPEAU & WILDE

The Franco-American husband-and-wife team of Laurent Champeau and Kelli Wilde has been creating sophisticated interiors since 2011. Fluent in spaces of all kinds, the Paris-based couple is as adept at designing a New York white-box penthouse as an ornate apartment on the Seine. "Every home you design is a collaboration," says Champeau, "between your taste, the client's taste, the location, and how the client lives." While they don't have a signature look, the phrase "understated chic" resonates for them, says Wilde. "When you walk into our rooms, you are not afraid to sit down," she adds. Currently working on a loft, a pied-à-terre, and a house in Paris, they will open a U.S. office this year. champeau-wilde.com.