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INTERIOR DESIGNERS

“A house should never feel overdecorated—it should be a natural extension of the people who live there.” —TIMOTHY CORRIGAN

time, and I love a client who is willing to take a leap of faith and discover new things.”

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Robert Couturier, Robert Couturier & Associates

Located: New York Established: 1986

Known for: Penchant for mixing styles and eras into contemporary, cohesive spaces. “I don’t do things that are period recreations, which I guess makes me fairly contemporary.”

Most valuable thing you learned: “Clients who expect the best quality for the least amount of money never get it. To think it is possible to design an apartment on a deal is the wrong approach; you will always get screwed.”

Least favorite trend: “Spaces designed to look like hotel rooms. I find it revolting because they are totally devoid of personality. They are formulaic, repetitive, boring and altogether not even comfortable. It’s a hideous trend.”

212.463.7177, www.robertcouturier.com

► **Mark Cutler, Mark Cutler Design**

Located: Los Angeles Established: 2000

Known for: Interiors that are traditional in their basis but modern in their execution, as well as the ability to make his clients a mean martini and tell them a great joke.

Obsessed with: “Treating landscapes as a series of outdoor rooms, using drapes, fireplaces and sofas to create an extension of the indoors.”

310.360.6212, www.markcutlerdesign.com

**Carl D’Aquino and Francine Monaco
D’Aquino Monaco**

Located: New York Established: 1987

Known for: Fusing 18th-century curves with modern lines; using color.

How do clients react to your work: “I had a client come to me and ask to see our most expensive, open-checkbook project, our least expensive project and our favorite project—he wanted to see what we could do under any circumstances,” says D’Aquino. “We went on to do three major jobs for him.”

212.929.9787, www.daquinomonaco.com

Sue Firestone, SFA Design

Located: Santa Barbara and Los Angeles Established: 1996

Known For: Clean lines, non-fussy and uncluttered interiors.

What to expect on that first meeting: Her own Rorschach test. “Whether it’s a hotel or private residence, I ask my clients

to pull pictures out of magazines. Then I interview them and get a feel for what they like or hate from a picture, what designs stick in their memory and what inspires them. I get a pretty good profile this way.”

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Jennifer Garrigues

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Located: Palm Beach and New York Established: 1980

Known for: Easy, elegant interiors that are comfortable and approachable; her rooms reflect the personality of both the client and the home.

