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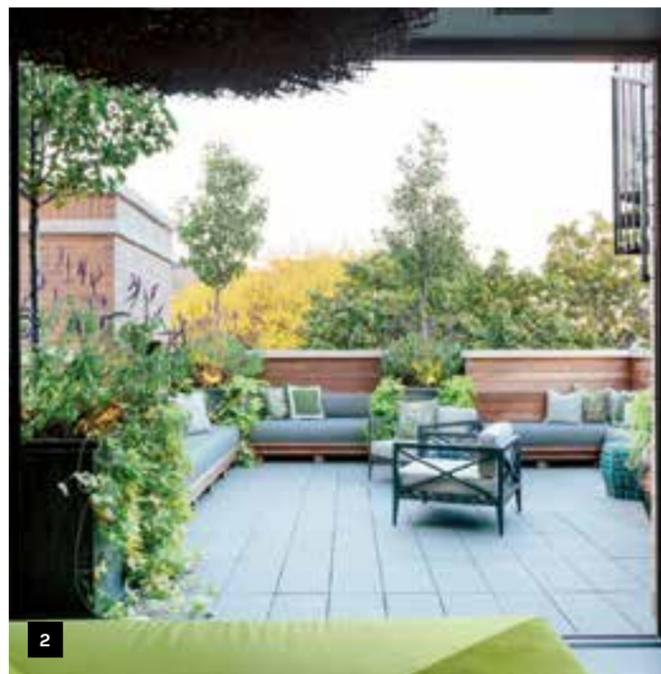
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ANTHONY MICHAEL INTERIOR DESIGN

Founded in 1985, Anthony Michael Interior Design has completed more than 1,127 residential installations, from Chicago to the Southwest, and internationally. With a passion for beauty and well-thought-out interiors, principal Anthony Michael takes a team approach to every new design. "Each person on my staff presents, in a think tank fashion, the inspiration for a project," he says. "That way we can fine-tune and give the client the benefit of a very thorough concept and design." Working with a mostly professional clientele on their primary or secondary residences, Michael and his team seek to exceed clients' expectations and bring cohesiveness to all areas of their lives. To make the process more rewarding for clients, Michael insists on "being upfront about likes and dislikes and disclosing a budget that is realistic," he says. "And not attempting to micromanage a project." Inspired by traditional European and contemporary Southwest styles, Anthony Michael Interior Design strikes the perfect balance between interest and warmth, with inviting and subtle elements added to the mix. Known for its work in urban and resort communities throughout the Desert Southwest, including Paradise Valley and Scottsdale, the firm is currently restoring a hand-built yacht from 1977 docked in Puerto Rico. For its design, Michael and his team are giving a nod to the past while including 21st-century amenities. Though currently inspired by Paris in the 1930s and '40s, Michael is quick to point out that his work is constantly changing. "Adaptability has kept us in business for years," he says. When asked about his dream project, an open-air villa on the side of a mountain overlooking the ocean immediately comes to mind.



Ask the Expert

Speaking to your line of work, what constitutes "good design"?

Balance, scale, proportion and symmetry; a relation of ideas and textures; and living with things you love.

What do you like most about your job?

I get to live vicariously through my clients. Each one is unique and individual, and the pleasure it brings me offers great satisfaction.

What are your favorite styles to work on and why?

An eclectic mix of contemporary and traditional conveyed in a slightly unconventional manner with unexpected excitement.



1. This remodeled 1926 English Tudor features soft area rugs, a chaise and recessed niches for artifacts. **2.** A NanaWall system provides a seamless transition to an inviting outdoor terrace. **3.** Teal grasscloth wallcoverings provide the backdrop for a carved-limestone mantel framed by charcoal drawings. **4.** Above an antique firebox in this living room hangs a commissioned painting of a Puritan girl that raises to reveal a television. **5.** This custom kitchen brings together book-matched Michelangelo marble, antique carved Tibetan doors and a hood from Francois & Co.

“Luxury is about ‘unplugging.’ A home should be a restful sanctuary with a focus on loved ones. That is the true definition of luxury.”

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