

Stylish spaces

Three need-to-know interior designers, all based in Belgravia, share their stories, style inspirations and what they love about the area

AS TOLD TO: SOPHIA CHARALAMBOUS



Miriam Frowein

Director of Miriam Frowein Interiors

"My mum was an interior designer and a dealer of antique Persian rugs, so I grew up with it. Nevertheless I studied law, and was afraid to explore my creative side at that point. But after I had children I decided my passion was really for interiors so I followed in the footsteps of my mother."

"I started with my own house and I got a lot of compliments. Then I went to the Inchbald School of Design in Eccleston Square and quickly started my own firm. All my clients are now my friends and it has spread through word of mouth."

"There is a saying, 'A lot of people look but only a few see', and that quote guides me through life. I always see the beautiful things, the unique things. I see myself as a curator of spaces and homes."

"For me Belgravia is the most beautiful residential area you can live in. The addresses of Eaton Square are full of tradition and I feel very privileged to walk through and drop off my kids at school."

6 Hobart Place





Mimmi O'Connell

Design consultant

"I was self taught simply by looking at things, obsessively, everywhere I went.

"I was born in Torino, went to school in Switzerland, studied political sciences at Geneva university and took a degree in art and French literature at the Sorbonne, before beginning my career as a designer.

"My work springs from all four corners of the globe. I have lived, at different times of my life, in Italy, Switzerland, South America, Hong Kong and England.

"I have been influenced by the splendour of the Far East and the sophistication of the minimalist architects. I fuse rich and different ethnic elements with a new, unique design - reinventing things that have been done forever.

"I like neatness and mixing elements from Asia with European furniture. I like clear walls and striped fabrics - from simple cottons to rich, sensual silks and velvets.

"Belgravia is a unique, spectacular, chic village. I love the sensational choice of restaurants, the impeccable tennis courts and the gigantic chestnut trees."

8 Eaton Square

Arabella Bassadone

Founder of architectural interior design studio Maison Arabella

"Maison Arabella was founded in 2016 after a conversation with my father, who advised that the 'pause moment' I was experiencing - having completed my third project as a lead designer at Candy & Candy - was just the one I had been waiting for.

"Specialising in all things home, Maison Arabella embodies an effortless sophistication that strikes a balance between old world elegance and contemporary ideals.

"I predict that in 2022 interior style will continue to blur the lines between residential and the workplace.

"Thoughtful furniture that supports multifunctional use will enable the flexibility that we all now demand."

3 Chesham Close



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Joanna Wood

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