



STEPHANIE BARBA MENDOZA **NEW ENTRY**

(pictured on previous page)

Mexican-born Stephanie is no shrinking violet when it comes to colour and pattern, dreaming up interiors that often have a fantastical feel whether in Notting Hill or Miami. 'I like using bold yet harmonious palettes, resulting in environments that feel inviting and vibrant,' explains Stephanie, who works with a team of seven from a studio in west London. barbamendoza.com

CHRIS DYSON ARCHITECTS

This east London-based practice is well known for its sensitive combinations of old and new, as well as its ability to seamlessly fuse architecture and interiors. Chris and his team have taken on some big projects in London – including The Truman Brewery, E1 – but they are also currently working on several properties overseas, including in Italy. chrisdyson.co.uk

STUDIO HOODLESS

This year marks 25 years since the former magazine stylist Suzy Hoodless set up her interior design studio. She is known for her creative mix of styles and eras, an eye for art and her bold approach to colour. And her projects always include a touch of the unexpected. suzyhoodless.com

STUDIO VERO **NEW ENTRY**

(pictured above)

Last year, Studio Vero celebrated its 10th anniversary – a major milestone for this small company. It has built itself a legion of repeat clients who turn to its founders, Romanos Brihi and Venetia Rudebeck, for their wonderfully vibrant and energetic designs. Alongside a handful of projects in west London, their studio is working on bringing character and intrigue to a new-build in Hampshire. studio-vero.com

HENRI FITZWILLIAM-LAY

This designer is a decorating chameleon with a talent for balancing the refined with the unexpected. Henri's skill with daring combinations of pattern, colour, shape and material ensure that her work sings with personality, without a cliché in sight. Her small studio takes an intimate, hands-on approach, so there is no worry of getting lost in a sea of clients. henrifitzwilliamlay.com

BERDOULAT

With a design philosophy that centres on the idea that 'the building is the client', Patrick and Neri Williams create interiors that harmonise with a structure's history and spirit. They take a restrained, sophisticated approach that eschews trends and results in spaces that feel truly timeless. The Bath-based studio's shop serves as the perfect showcase, with a recently launched furniture collection and a book due to come out in October. berdoulat.co.uk

LUCY CUNNINGHAM

Warm, layered and pattern-filled interiors have gained Lucy plenty of fans. Her small studio, which currently includes two senior designers working on projects alongside Lucy, has become best known for English country houses. But it is now expanding to take on more urban projects, as well as an 18th-century house on a Scottish estate and a chalet in Aspen. lucycunningham.com

TUCKEY DESIGN STUDIO

Founder Jonathan Tuckey and his team have spread their wings over recent years. The architectural practice has become much admired for its ability to breathe new life into old buildings, while respectfully bringing them into the 21st century. Recent projects – layered with texture and rich in materiality – have taken the practice to the Swiss Alps, where they have just opened a studio, and to rural England, with unique responses to each setting. tuckeydesign.com

BRANDON SCHUBERT

Texan-born Brandon has a clever way with colour and a knack for comfortable interiors with a crisp finish. His projects always end up with such a creative mix of periods and styles that it is hard to characterise them as either traditional or modern. Having mostly worked on city properties, he is currently in the middle of two exciting country-house projects. brandonschubert.com