



ONES TO WATCH

With projects ranging from members' clubs to stylish family homes, a new wave of female designers has shaken up the interiors scene. Meet design's new influencers



As well as form following function, Fran believes that feeling is vital, too.

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Founded in 2014, Fran's interiors and architectural studio is driven by a belief in the capacity of good design to shape how people behave

Q How would you describe your design style?

Tailored to fit. We consider design to be a language, so whatever our client is trying to express, we try to communicate that as clearly and succinctly as possible.

Q What has been your most interesting project so far?

The Chess Club in Mayfair, where we were given free rein to take risks and be adventurous.

Q What's the next trend in interiors?

We're all becoming environmentally conscious and hopefully this will soon be reflected in both supply and demand. I would like us all to buy less and buy better.

Q Name three suppliers you couldn't do without.

Istdibs where you can source anything from anywhere in the world. Viaduct is abreast of what

everyone is making now and carry a good edit, and Papers and Paints has superb knowledge of the history of paint and the origins of colour.

Q Your fail-safe design tip?

A space can be transformed with lighting – it's the most vital element; if people feel well-lit they feel at ease. I start by thinking of the space in the dark and layer in light for emphasis and mood.

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