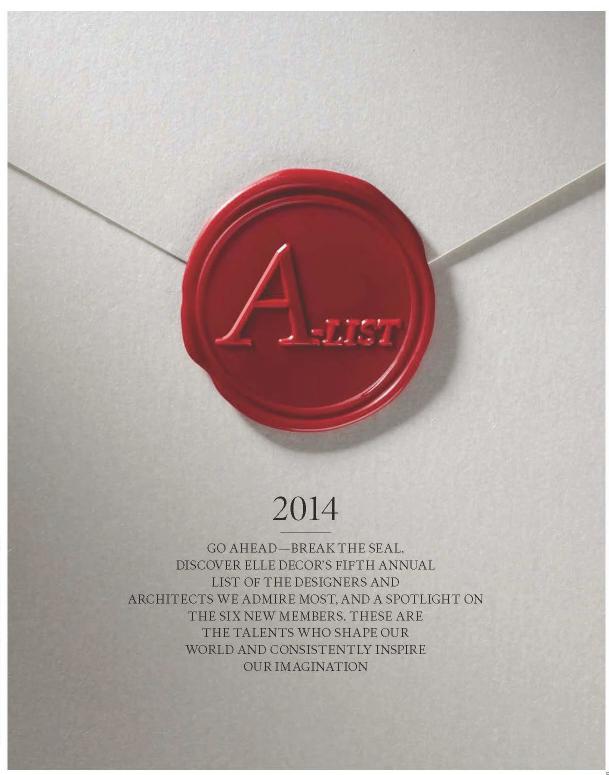
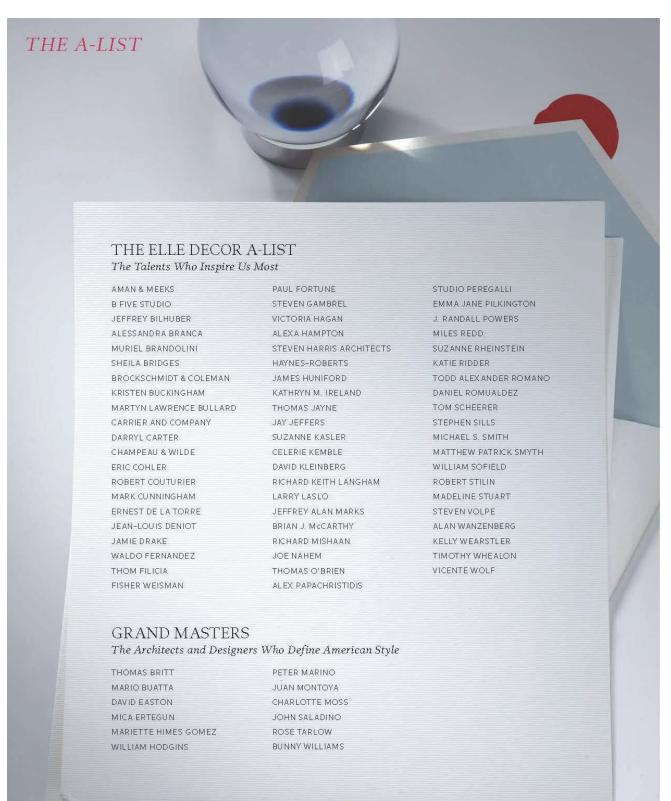
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#### KELLY BEHUN

Kelly Behun embraces the unexpected. Whether it's a long living room plinth supporting multiple seating elements and sculptural objects, walls punctuated with edgy works of art, or her own Neo Laminati collection of furniture made from boldly patterned laminates, she's adept at pushing the envelope without going over the edge. "I like to mix it up and be a bit more experimental," says the New Yorkbased designer, who got her start working for hotelier lan Schrager's in-house design studio, where she collaborated with Philippe Starck. Maintaining a small studio that takes on only a few projects at a time, she is currently at work on a select range of international residences, from London to the Bahamas. kellybehun.com.



## THE A-LIST



#### LORENZO CASTILLO

Before establishing his platinum reputation as an interior designer, Lorenzo Castillo was known as one of Spain's preeminent antiques dealers, and he freely acknowledges his debt to the past. "I call my style a modern-classical hybrid," says the Madrid native, who is trained in both decorative arts and art history. "It is an interpretation of the past for our times." Castillo's bold juxtapositions of old and new bring a masculine robustness to his interiors, which draw inspiration from architecture, cinema, and the ethosof Madrid. In addition to numerous interiors, this master of curatorial composition is busy designing his own furniture line as well as fabrics for Gaston y Daniela and carpets for the Rug Company, lorenzocastillo.org.



#### S. RUSSELL GROVES

New York architect S. Russell Groves creates warm, inviting interiors that feel at once pared down and glamorous. "I never understood the separation between an architect and a decorator," says Groves, who worked for Richard Meier, Kohn Pedersen Fox, and Peter Marino before founding his own firm in 2001. "I'm more from the Frank Lloyd Wright school, where you design the house, the table, and even your wife's dress if you have the chance." That holistic approach has attracted high-profile residential and commercial clients—his current projects range from a house for Michael Kors on Water Island, New York, to a new Manhattan salon for Frédéric Fekkai. srussell groves.com.

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#### M. ELLE DESIGN

A sophisticated sense of style runs in the family at M. Elle Design, a Santa Monica—based firm headed by sisters Marie Turner Carson and Emily Turner, who founded the company with their interior designer mother, Mary Lynn Turner. Creating fresh, breezy residences layered with muted grays, blues, and off-whites, the Turners celebrate natural materials such as weathered wood, stone, and linen while putting a strong emphasis on comfort and livability. "Our work often has a subtle look and a calming palette," says Turner Carson. "But it also has a lot of interest when you look deeper, with textural changes and patinas. The rooms we design only really reveal themselves when you experience them." melledesign.com.



