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## STEP RIGHT IN

Perfection in Paris

Michael S. Smith  
Takes Malibu

The Insider's Guide  
to New York



SHOPPING

# CABINETS COUTURE

A cheat sheet to the city's kitchen-system options

- ▶ Champagne-colored steel illustrates **Arclinea's** innovative eye for Italian elegance. [arclinea.com](http://arclinea.com)
- ▶ Venice-based **Cesar's** collections span decorative to minimal, often with pops of color. [cesar.it](http://cesar.it)
- ▶ Traditional wood cabinetry is updated by British firm **Smallbone of Devizes**. [smallbone.co.uk](http://smallbone.co.uk)
- ▶ The clean lines of Poliform's **Varenna** convey understated sophistication. [varennacucine.com](http://varennacucine.com)
- ▶ **Bulthaup** is the leader in pairing German functionality with beautiful simplicity. [bulthaup.com](http://bulthaup.com)
- ▶ Floating cabinetry evokes movement in Molteni Group's kitchen line, **Dada**. [dada-kitchens.com](http://dada-kitchens.com)
- ▶ The curvy new Zaha Hadid Cove island pushes the envelope of **Boffi's** modern look. [boffi-soho.com](http://boffi-soho.com)
- ▶ The prolific powerhouse **Scavolini** offers a wide range of designer-driven systems. [scavoliniusa.com](http://scavoliniusa.com)
- ▶ Danish brand **Vipp** adds industrial noir to modular systems. [vipp.com](http://vipp.com)

Neighborhood Watch

## SOHO

Two streets serve as hubs: Greene and Wooster.

On the former, **Alessi** ([alessi.com](http://alessi.com)) shows whimsical tableware, while furniture brand **Molteni&C**

([molteni.it](http://molteni.it)) expertly mixes classic with contemporary.

On Wooster, **Poltrona Frau** ([poltronafrau.com](http://poltronafrau.com)), **Cassina**

([cassina.com](http://cassina.com)), and **Cappellini** ([cappellini.it](http://cappellini.it))

present high-minded Italian design. Nearby, **Dom Interiors**

([dominteriors.com](http://dominteriors.com)) hosts **Rimadesio's**

line of flawless sliding doors and other hard-to-find brands. —S.T.

Ask the Insider

"On 11th Street, around the corner from my gallery, is **Officine Gullo** [[officinegullo.com](http://officinegullo.com)], an Italian kitchen-design showroom that offers the most fabulous ovens, ranges, cabinets, and appliances. Everything there is handcrafted in Florence and divine! It's not your usual kitchen stove. It's all totally custom."

—**BENOIST F. DRUT** owner of *Maison Gerard*



Ask the Insider

### Alexandra Champalimaud

The *Carlyle Hotel* designer on gallery outliers

"Brazilian modern brand **Espasso** [[espasso.com](http://espasso.com)] just opened a vintage annex around the corner from its gallery, and it has a lot of auction-worthy treasures, including some Joaquim Tenreiro armchairs, which we're purchasing for a residence in Vail. The **Future Perfect** [[thefutureperfect.com](http://thefutureperfect.com)] also created another space in a nearby walk-up, which features rotating collections, such as De La Espada. The walls were painted Millennial Pink with all-white furniture."

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: ILLUSTRATION BY ROB WILSON; COURTESY ALEXANDRA CHAMPALIMAUD; COURTESY OFFICINE GULLO; MATT COATS



A New York townhouse by Nathan Litera includes a custom marble and brass table of his own design.

INSIDE SOURCES

# YOUR PALS FROM PARIS

An emerging French design practice is becoming a hush-hush hit in Manhattan.

**S**eated in his Paris apartment at a green marble coffee table of his own design and drinking ice tea from an antique crystal goblet, Nathan Litera explains why New Yorkers looking for a touch of Europe in their decor have been

passing around his name. "I studied the classic vocabulary of architecture, Italian and French, and we are living in it every day," he says.

"We try to convey a certain way of life," adds Lyatt Samama, his partner in work and in life. It's a way that reflects Litera's

adolescence living on Paris's most beautiful square, the Place des Vosges, and the couple's passion for Old World elegance. The two met 17 years ago and went to New York to study. After finishing his architecture degree at Cooper Union, Litera, 35, worked for Kohn Pedersen Fox, then in Paris for Jean Nouvel and Joseph Dirand, before opening his own firm with Samama, 34, a former lawyer, in 2014. Since then they've outfitted almost half a dozen luxury New York residences in a sophisticated European style, frequently flying in French specialists in decorative painting, wood floors, millworking, and upholstery.

For a recent 14,000-square-foot townhouse on the Upper East Side, Litera added decorative molding to the walls and ceilings and placed the rooms in a typically Parisian *enfilade*, lining up the doors in a row. He covered the ceiling of the children's play area in silver leaf applied by French decorative painters Ateliers Gohard. When he wants mirrors with an antique patina, Litera turns to Kiko Lopez, an artist who lives on a farm in Provence and crafts them *à l'ancienne*: with mercury. [nathanlitera.com](http://nathanlitera.com) —Amy Serafin



Only in New York

Fernando Mastrangelo mixes materials such as powdered glass and cement to create rock-solid pieces in his Brooklyn workshop. His Escape collection, shown at Maison Gerard, includes this bookshelf (\$68,000). He also accepts commissions. [maisongerard.com](http://maisongerard.com), [fernando.mastrangelo.com](http://fernando.mastrangelo.com).



Ask the Insider

## TONY INGRAO

The Bronx-born designer of the Baccarat Hotel & Residences expounds on his city's offerings.

For inspiration he likes **R & Company**

([r-and-company.com](http://r-and-company.com)) and **Friedman Benda**

([friedmanbenda.com](http://friedmanbenda.com)). "They have exceptional furniture collections from great designers, including Wendell Castle and Joris Laarman." He cites **Twenty First Gallery** ([21stgallery.com](http://21stgallery.com)) as an underrated place that stocks things you can't get elsewhere. "It's out on its own in Chelsea, away from the other furniture galleries, but you can find truly special pieces, such as mirrors by Hubert Le Gall." He thinks **Ralph Pucci** ([ralphpucci.net](http://ralphpucci.net)) is an iconic gallery that can't be missed. "It started as a mannequin business and grew to become the quintessential New York showroom." And he recommends **Atelier Charles Jouffre** ([jouffre.com](http://jouffre.com)) for finding "precise French upholstery."

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"My wife, Margaret, and I collect silver serveware from **Alice Kwartler** [[alicekwartler.com](http://alicekwartler.com)], and on occasion you can find something antique that is engraved with your actual initials. It's a treasure chest in there, and we recommend taking the time to look."

—**GEOFFREY ZAKARIAN** chef of the Lambs Club at the Chatwal Hotel