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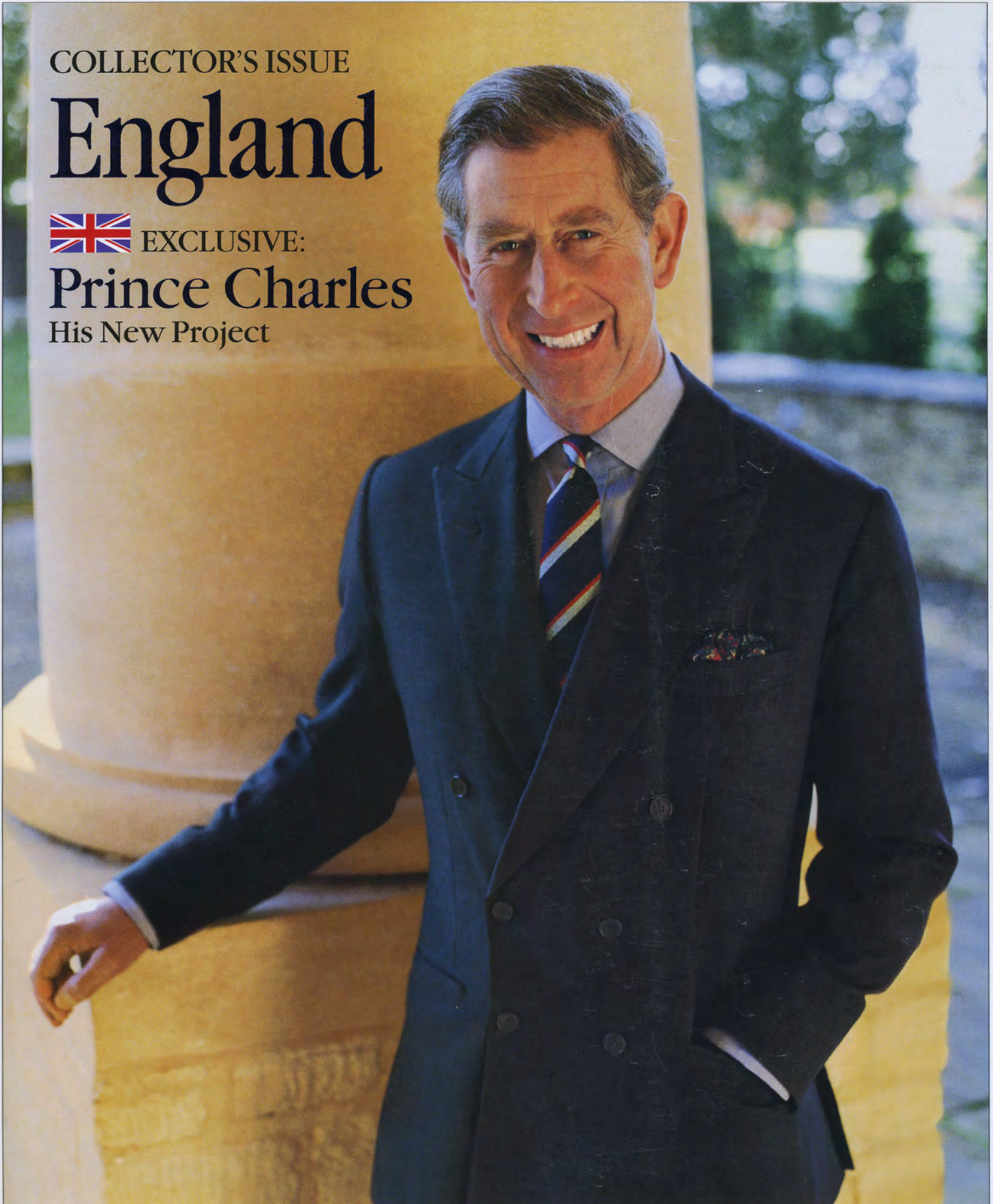
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EXCLUSIVE:

### Prince Charles

His New Project



## Charles Allem on a David Hicks Design on the Côte d'Azur



BILLY CUNNINGHAM

Interiors should excite one," Charles Allem says, with the emphasis on *excite*. And for him nobody was more exciting than David Hicks. Hicks was scared of nothing, decoratively speaking, not the finest French furniture, not Lucite, not snakeskin and certainly not color: oranges, purples, greens—he used them as nobody else did.

"Hicks was way ahead of everybody," says Allem. "He was very disciplined, balanced and had an incredible sense of scale, which is very much of the English school."

Allem knows the Hicks style well, having grown up in a country house designed by him and having assisted him in the decoration of the family house in Johannesburg. The Hicks point of view was quite simple: Begin with tradition, then throw in a twist. The twist, of course, was the hard part.

In 1975, at the peak of his influence, Hicks was asked to decorate Le Clos Fiorentina, one of the most revered houses on the Côte d'Azur. The essence of his brilliance, Allem



PASCAL HENOUS

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says, can be seen in the living room's few richly colored elements, antique and modern, plain and patterned, all in perfect equilibrium. There's structure in the set of fine 18th-century French chairs,

covered in a modern geometric print, gathered around a marble checkerboard low table. The only object on the formidable Louis XV stone chimneypiece is a modern bronze sculpture, and gazing

down from one wall is an electric Warhol portrait of a cat. Nobody had ever seen a room quite like it.

Like Hicks, Allem prefers to explore a single color throughout a room. Hicks adored glazed walls; Allem favors lacquered walls. Still, even his great admirer knows, "Hicks is a reflection of his times. It's important that one leave what was done in the past in the past."

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