

# STRAIGHT TO THE POINT WITH CHARLES ALLEM

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Perfection doesn't exist. That's why **Charles Allem**, founder and principal of *C.A.D. International*, creates it—his own clean-lined, sophisticated version of it, that is. Minimalist in color and clutter, Charles's designs produce contemporary retreats. The work isn't going unnoticed either. The Miami-based designer has been named to *Architectural Digest's AD100 list* not one, but five times. Learn about the man beyond the portfolio in this edition of our *Rapid-Fire Q&A*...

**What is your chief characteristic?** Straight to the point

**Your favorite design motto?** Edit, edit, edit.

**What makes a house a home?** A refrigerator stocked with Dom Pérignon



**What's your most treasured possession?** My dog Diogi

**If you hadn't gone into interior design, what would you be doing?** I'd be an art curator.

**Who is your design hero?** *David Hicks*

**Your favorite author?** Google!

**What is your favorite season?** Winter

**Your favorite food and drink?** Green food and a green (veggie) drink

**What is on your nightstand right now?** Absolutely nothing

**What natural talent would you like to be gifted with?** To be able to paint



**What is your present design state of mind?** Forever changing!

**Your idea of happiness?** Has yet to be discovered

**When are you most content?** While in meditation

**What was your favorite journey?** It's still ongoing.

**What historical design period would you most like to visit?** The Roman Empire

**If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?** Nothing

**What is a goal you hope to accomplish in 2017?** Always to be a better person

**In your opinion, how is design evolving?** Design is forever changing now that the world has been made more conscious and is therefore now a part of everyday life.



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