

## STRAIGHT TO THE POINT WITH CHARLES **ALLEM**













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

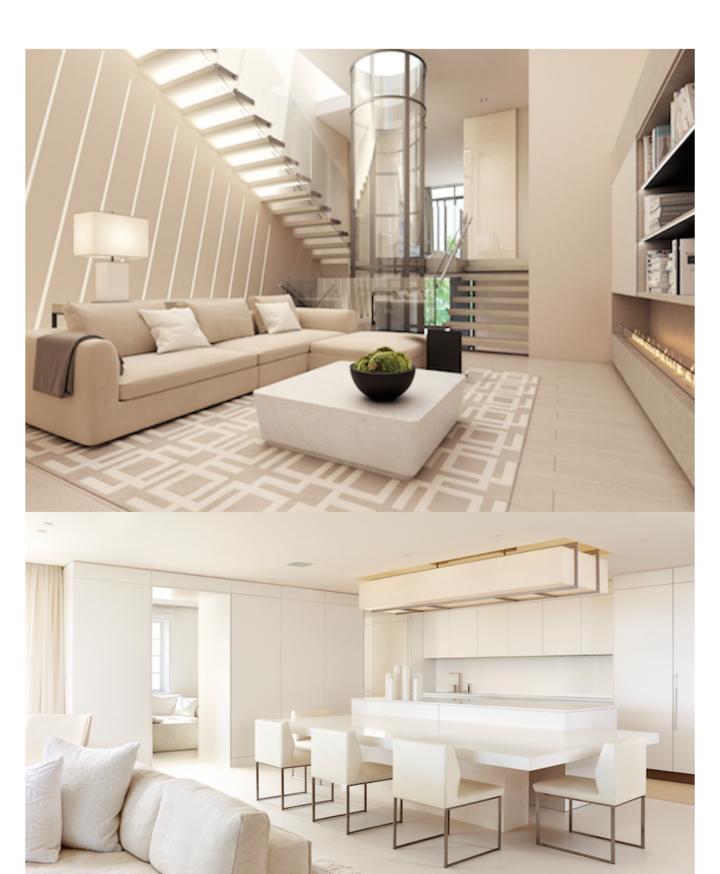
Your favorite author? Google!

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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