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# The Art of Modern Design The Interiors of James Magni and Jason Kalman

James Magni and Jason Kalman, with Jacqueline Terrebonne

The renowned interior designers share residential projects and designs for furniture that embody their sleek and refined contemporary aesthetic

The Los Angeles—based design duo James Magni and Jason Kalman create residences that embody modern luxury. With a modernist philosophy of tailored forms and minimalist spaces, their design approach acts as a bridge between architecture, interiors and the landscape. Their latest book, *The Art of Modern Design: The Interiors of James Magni and Jason Kalman*, offers a glimpse into twelve such homes across the United States.

The projects featured in *The Art of Modern Design* exemplify Magni Kalman Design's signature aesthetic: a modernist palette of glass, stone, and steel, effortlessly curated with luxurious furniture, textiles and blue-chip art. Presented through stunning photographs, each residence is outfitted with a carefully composed mix of vintage and contemporary furniture, bespoke pieces from the Magni Home Collection, and unique details that reflect the personality of the homeowner—all against the background of sublime natural landscapes.

While most of the featured projects are throughout California, two residences—one in Texas and another in Arizona—showcase how the Magni Kalman aesthetic thrives beyond the California coast. Similarly, while most of the featured homes span thousands of square feet, Magni's and Kalman's own homes, also featured in the book, prove that a well-designed interior is equally impactful in an intimate setting.

An additional chapter offers a behind-the-scenes look at Magni and Kalman's meticulous approach to designing their exquisitely crafted line of luxury furniture and lighting, providing valuable insight into how they create refined, contemporary spaces.

Gorgeously produced with specially commissioned photographs by renowned artist Mona Kuhn on the front and back covers and on the book's acetate jacket, The Art of Modern Design is an essential addition to the library of any architecture and design enthusiast.











# **About the Authors**

**James Magni** and **Jason Kalman** are the principals of the acclaimed design firm Magni Kalman Design. Originally founded by James Magni in 1988, the firm was renamed when Jason Kalman became a partner in 2016.

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