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who matters. and why.

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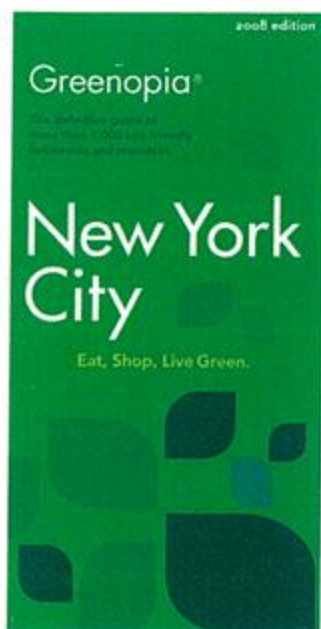
Recently completed projects
Fairmont Heritage Place at Ghirardelli Square, San Francisco; Fontainebleau Hill, Miami Beach; and the Westin Embassy Row, Washington, DC

Projects on the boards
Renovation of the Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills; the Waldorf=Astoria at Bonnet Creek, Orlando; and renovation of the La Quinta Resort & Spa, a Waldorf=Astoria Collection, La Quinta, California

Favorite hotel for design
The Amankila Resort in Bali, Indonesia—it is tucked away in the trees creating an experience like no other.



Outside of work I love...
Sailing with my family and friends. We took possession of our new 174-foot sailing yacht last June that I had spent the last couple of years designing.



Books on my nightstand
Loving Frank and *Greenopia Guide to New York City*



I crave
Cheeseburgers from Hamburger Habit in Los Angeles

Beloved design device
Tracing paper. It allows me to quickly try out my ideas without committing to them.

City that's hot for design right now
Panama City. It is the new international golf resort destination.

City I am watching
I am fascinated with Abu Dhabi's growth and its latest design ideas.



Movie I can always watch
To Kill A Mockingbird



Product I can't live without
Lancôme self-tanner. I am in the sun so much of the time, it allows me to look tan while using SPF 50.

Architect/designer I would like to meet
Frank Gehry, because his architecture is like sculpture and he has consistently created innovative designs for the past 50 years.

Trend I can't get enough of
Eco-living and sustainability



Restaurant that wows me with its design
Katsuya by Philippe Starck at Americana at Brand in Glendale, California