

TALKING SHOP

WITH JASON MARTIN OF MARTIN & BROCKETT



When did you open? I welcomed the first guests to 5449 W. Pico Blvd. in March 2015. **Why Mid-Wilshire?** This area offers a growing collection of stores and restaurants strung together between auto body shops; it's very L.A. I used to drive Pico Boulevard going between the Pacific Design Center and my wood and upholstery shops. I thought, "If I'm doing this drive, other designers must be, too." **Describe the space.** I designed it as a mix of traditional and modern with natural materials (sea-grass rugs, linen-wrapped shelves) and brass accents in a streamlined modern building. **On the floor?** Of course there's my own Martin & Brockett line of furniture, as well as a curated mix of antique furniture and accessories and pieces made by local artists and craftspeople. **What's next?** I'm working on introducing some sculptural tabletop pieces (serveware, trays, ceramics) and slowly adding to my line of furniture with a couple of upholstery pieces and new wood items. martinandbrockett.com

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@marycostaphoto

WHO: Mary Costa, a lifestyle and fashion photographer whose bold use of color and unique way of storytelling is evident in every image she creates.

WHAT: Costa's feed is the definition of eye candy, featuring clean, minimal spaces that come alive with plenty of quirky and unexpected accents and a multitude of striking hues. Expect a mix of "happy things"—a beautiful wedding, a styled tablescapes or a bright and modern interior.

WHY: Though documenting the beauty in our world certainly plays into Costa's obsession, it's the collaboration with other creatives that ultimately feeds her passion and makes her account worth following.

IN HER WORDS: "If you're looking for other inspiring Instagrams, I constantly go back to @justinablakeney for her bohemian interiors, @jumbledonline for its eclectic home products and @splendid_rags for her colorful style."



SAVE THE DATE: DIEM: TALKS DESIGN



Various showrooms across the West Hollywood Design District are inviting industry insiders and enthusiasts to gather in November for "The Future is Now," an in-depth design symposium. Throughout the events, guests will be encouraged to engage with good design through discussions and panels led by the area's most creative minds. In case you missed it, *Luxe* tapped key players of the event to get their take on what's new and now in design. westhollywooddesigndistrict.com

GINNA CHRISTENSEN
CREATIVE DIRECTOR, WOVEN ACCENTS

Having a moment: It is extraordinary what Apparatus has been able to accomplish in just three years. I think their success is directly related to their willingness to take risks and their incredible storytelling ability.

What is luxury? For me, luxury is having the time and ability to experience extraordinary things that are unique, elicit emotion and, if you're lucky, change you in some way. In design, luxury is something beautifully made by hand with details that exhibit the work of the craftsman.

MARY TA
OWNER, MINOTTI L.A. AND MASS BEVERLY

What's next for SoCal? Los Angeles has really embraced growth and architecture through their acceptance of public projects, such as the Los Angeles River restoration by Frank Gehry, as well as multiple high-rise hotels on Sunset Boulevard and luxury residential units in Santa Monica. This will profoundly change the city.

ROBINA BENSON
OWNER, NICHE BEVERLY

Looking forward to... The evergreen and legendary Frank Gehry's Guggenheim Abu Dhabi. The 450,000-square-foot, \$800-million museum will be about 12 times the size of the Guggenheim's Frank Lloyd Wright landmark in New York when it opens in 2016 and will showcase art from the 1960s to the present.

Dream job: I'd love to switch roles with my idol, furniture designer Paola Lenti, for just one day to see firsthand how she works. She is the epitome of innovation.

MALLERY ROBERTS MORGAN
CO-CURATOR OF DIEM 2015

West Hollywood itinerary: Start the day at Cecconi's for a lovely breakfast, then walk down Melrose Avenue and pop into all the fabulous design showrooms—from exquisite, contemporary decorative arts at Gray Gallery and Robert Kuo (left) to standbys like Design Within Reach and Arteriors. One of my favorite hidden gems is Leadapron, a design and art gallery on Huntley Drive.