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ACHILLE SALVAGNI

Achille Salvagni, whose Rome-based firm specializes in luxury residences and yachts, studied architecture in the Italian capital and in Stockholm, where he came to appreciate “the beauty of simplicity,” he says. As a furniture designer—he creates limited editions for Maison Gerard—he takes inspiration from such midcentury maestros as Gio Ponti and Paolo Buffa. His interior work is simultaneously modern and traditional, nodding to the heyday of Italian Deco but layered with refined contemporary pieces and antiques. “You can create a dialogue by placing a piece of Roman sculpture beside an iPhone because they are both works of art,” he says. “I believe in the future but without forgetting my roots in the past.” *salvagniarchitetti.net*.



The kitchen of a Rome apartment designed by Achille Salvagni.



The library of Alidad's London apartment.

ALIDAD

Using his given first name as his professional moniker, Persian-born and London-based interior, furniture, and textile designer Alidad has mastered a frankly aristocratic style that luxuriates in marble, velvet, and gold. Working with an elite international clientele and embracing a world-historic aesthetic, he creates homes that blend Oriental and Occidental traditions with a palette as rich as a Venetian palace, a Middle Eastern spice bazaar, or the old Silk Road. Still, his focus is on comfort. “Whether you live in a castle or a modern apartment, I want to create a place where you can let go and be content,” he says. “I like to imagine that everything in a room has a personal meaning and has been passed down for generations.” *alidad.com*.