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of the Italian designer can import her inimitable whimsy to their dwellings too.

BRUCE FOX DESIGN
440 N. Wells St., #620,
brucefoxdesign.com

Small surprise that Bruce Fox was recently called on to furnish a model condo unit at Robert A.M. Stern Architects-designed Streeterville high-rise One Bennett Park. With 20-plus years of design experience under his belt, the respected designer has become an essential go-to for dense, multifaceted interiors for the *ne plus ultra*, tempering classic sensibilities with au courant panache in handsome expanses in and outside of Chicago.

BUCKINGHAM INTERIORS
1658 N. Milwaukee Ave.,
buckinghamid.com

Founded in 2007, Julia Buckingham's team harnesses the moving, transformative power of vintage finds, antiques and flourishes to refreshing, modern effect. Applying her self-coined Modernique style, Buckingham honors the past to create lush, curated scenes that incite interest at each turn, be it in a lakefront manse, city dwelling or suburban abode.

DONNA MONDI INTERIOR DESIGN
1517 W. Carroll Ave.,
donnamondi.com

Punchy energy invigorates the output of this West Town-based favorite, tapping into the namesake founder's passion for European architecture and other influences to inform bold condo and estate design, renovations and more since 2001 (recent hits include multiple residences at

No. 9 Walton). Looking to take home the designer's trademark edge? Her EnVie Collection of chairs, tables and other furnishings distills her signature aesthetic into must-have accoutrements that are serious conversation-starters.

ELIZABETH KRUEGER DESIGN
124 W. Kinzie St., 3rd Floor,
elizabethkruegerdesign.com

Rich, layered compositions are signature to this boutique outfit, exhibiting a unique knack for tying together disparate elements from a wealth of reference points to cohesive effect. From River North to Roscoe Village, Streeterville to Southport Corridor and beyond, Elizabeth Krueger and company's abodes let their clients' personality shine through without sacrificing the firm's signature eclecticism.

EVA QUATEMAN INTERIORS
220 W. Huron St., #2002,
evaquatemam.com

Be it a stately Lincoln Park co-op or a dazzling Streeterville pied-à-terre, traditional luxury characterizes Eva Quateman's work across stunning Gold Coast, River North, Michigan Avenue and citywide dwellings. Don't have a top-down design or renovation on the horizon? Fret not: The designer's touch also infuses Eva Quateman Essentials, her line of handmade consoles, chairs and other fetching accents.

FRANK PONTERIO DESIGN
500 N. Wells St., #3,
frankponterio.com

This revered pro's sweeping, 25-plus-year portfolio demonstrates a firm adherence to heritage and quality from Nashville wine cellars to Lake Shore Drive apartments. Outside of highly regarded residential work,

Frank Ponterio applies the same qualities to collaborations with Lee Jofa, Avrett, Clarence House and Arteriors, evincing tactful sophistication each step of the way.

GEMMA PARKER DESIGN
gemaparkerdesign.com

With a keen understanding of color, texture and scale, Gemma Parker-McKeon orchestrates inviting expanses in the Windy City and beyond, including Michigan, New York and London. An alum of Lichten Craig, where she served as director of interiors, Parker-McKeon effects tasteful pattern play and excited, unexpected use of materials to create atmospheres that feel at once wholly new, but simultaneously lived-in.

JAMESTHOMAS
900 N. Franklin St., Ste. 800,
jamesthomaschicago.com

Timeless design gets a dash of modern-day pizzazz under the direction of principals James Dolenc and Tom Riker; the discerning duo leading the charge at the boutique outfit since 2003. From both here and offices in Glenn, Mich., the firm refracts conventional cues through a fresh lens, creating spaces from Park City to New York that endure without ever feeling aged.

JESSICA LAGRANGE INTERIORS
216 W. Chicago Ave.,
jessicalagrange.com

Since 1998, this industry vet has garnered praise for its artful adaptability, whether articulating modern minimalism, well-appointed luxury or vivid eclecticism spanning the Gold Coast to the North Shore. Based in River North and led



BRANCA
1255 N. State Parkway, branca.com
Punctuated by a flair unmistakably her own, Alessandra Branca's eponymous firm delivers elaborate compositions underscoring a reverence for artful ornaments, antique furnishings and lush color palettes. With her Casa Branca collection—a thoughtful edit of fabrics, accessories, wallpapers and other accoutrements—fans

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