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THE WELL-DESIGNED KITCHEN AND BATH

PAUL LAUREN DESIGN CONSULTANTS

Asked to explain the philosophy behind **Paul Lauren Design Consultants,** principal Lauren Rautbord answers by explaining her hands-on process: "The day I am delegating design decisions to others or hurriedly making selections 'off the shelf' will be the day I know we've become too large." A Scottsdale-based interior design firm specializing in all areas of the home, Paul Lauren places emphasis on direct contact between client and design professional. As kitchens and bathrooms rank among the home's most used and beloved spaces, Rautbord is no stranger to perfecting them. She counts aesthetic flow and natural light among her essentials for both environments. "Cohesion in kitchens and bathrooms is so important because these are spaces we want to find calming and centering before and after the frenzy of life in the outside world," Rautbord says. "Natural light must be considered and is often an influence in the design as a whole. The alpenglow at dusk on the McDowell Mountains is so majestic. It inspires me to optimize how a room can look under different daylight and shade conditions."

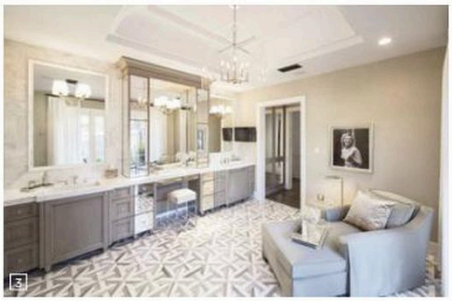


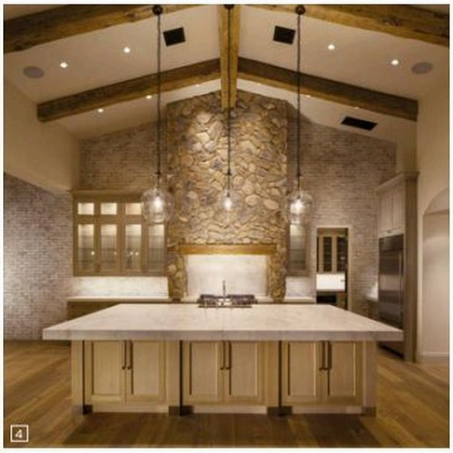
LAUREN RAUTBORD ON ...

Her style: While I incorporate many of the same materials—stone, wood, linen, cashmere, raw silk, solid sisal, mohair—there is always a major difference in how they combine and come to life in each project.
The function of today's home: People have become more practical and look for their home to be a calming environment in which they can recharge their batteries. It's actually hard to remember the days of formal living spaces.
Taking up with trends: Some trends make comebacks, like polished-brass hardware, but others are fads that never return—shag rugs, for example! We urge our clients to spend their serious money on the classics and indulge in trends and fads with smaller portions of their budget.

"It's a great time to be in this business. I love what I do. For me, it's a passion and a calling, not just a job."







1. Deep navy cabinets contrast with this otherwise light and bright, modern kitchen.
2. This living room enables family gatherings with spectacular views and features a custom rug from Azadi.
3. This master bathroom was designed around the marble floor's geometric pattern, with which the clients fell in love.
4. In this Silverleaf speculative home, Rautbord curated a rustic-meets-modern mix to appeal to a wide range of buyers.



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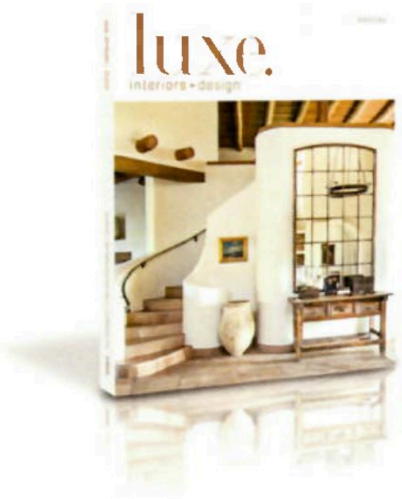
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