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CARMELINA SANTORO

Senior Interior Architect | Design Director

Luxury Hospitality • Luxury Residential • Bespoke Interiors

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Italian Interior Architect with over 30 years of international experience creating luxury hospitality, residential and bespoke interior environments across North America, the Caribbean, Europe and the Middle East. Her career combines architectural design, interior architecture, custom furniture, luxury hospitality, high-end residential projects and leadership roles for some of Italy's most prestigious luxury brands. Known for integrating design vision, technical rigor and craftsmanship, she leads projects from concept through construction and installation.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Director of Design for The Betsy Hotel, Miami Beach
- Designer of Laluna Resort & Villas, Grenada
- Director of Design & Senior Project Manager at Canova
- Former leadership roles with Brunello Cucinelli, Ermenegildo Zegna, Bulgari and TOD'S
- Early professional formation at Peter Marino Architects, New York

CORE EXPERTISE

Interior Architecture • Hospitality Design • Luxury Residential Design • Bespoke Furniture • Custom Millwork • FF&E Specification • Design Leadership • Construction Administration • Project Management • International Vendor Coordination • AI Visualization & Rendering

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CANOVA | Director of Design & Senior Project Manager | 2021–Present

Lead design development and execution of bespoke interior environments and custom millwork for luxury residential projects throughout New York, Miami, Sagaponack and Jackson Hole.

Independent Interior Architect & Design Consultant | 2010–Present

Direct luxury hospitality and residential commissions from concept through completion, including interior architecture, FF&E, custom furniture and construction administration.

THE BETSY HOTEL | Director of Design | 2020–Present

Lead renovations and repositioning initiatives for guestrooms, suites, restaurants, public spaces, wellness and event venues.

JEFFREY BEERS INTERNATIONAL | Senior Project Manager | 2018–2020

Managed hospitality design development for Long Cay at Baha Mar, Omni Hotel Boston and Cordish Live Casino Philadelphia.

INTERNATIONAL LUXURY BRAND EXPERIENCE

Over fifteen years leading store planning, design implementation and construction management for some of Italy's most recognized luxury brands.

Brunello Cucinelli | Director of Shop Planning USA | 2014–2015

Directed planning and execution of flagship stores and shop-in-shops throughout North America.

Ermenegildo Zegna | Director of Store Planning USA | 2010–2014

Led development of luxury retail environments across the United States and Canada.

Bulgari | Director of Store Planning USA | 2006–2010

Oversaw design implementation and construction of boutiques and luxury retail environments.

TOD'S USA | Senior Project Manager, Store Planning | 2001–2006

Managed planning and construction of flagship stores and shop-in-shops throughout North America.

Boggi Milano | Feasibility Study Consultant & Project Manager | 2024

Provided strategic planning and feasibility studies supporting U.S. expansion initiatives.

ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION

Peter Marino Architects | Architect / Interior Designer | 1990–1994

Contributed to luxury residential, commercial and yacht projects, developing expertise in bespoke detailing, materiality, craftsmanship and luxury design standards.

Stephen Miller Siegel Architects | Staff Architect | 2000–2001

Worked on high-end residential and commercial projects, supporting design development and project coordination.

SELECTED PROJECTS

Laluna Resort & Villas, Grenada
The Betsy Hotel, Miami Beach
Carlton Hotel, Miami Beach
Al Qasr Hotel, Dubai
Long Cay at Baha Mar, Bahamas
Golding Penthouse, Tribeca, New York
Ocean Drive Residence, Miami

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Hospitality Design • Forbes • Condé Nast Traveler • New York Spaces • Veranda • Harper's Bazaar • Town & Country • InStyle • Departures

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Architecture – Politecnico di Torino
Licensed Architect – Italy