



Michael Smith, 44, is considered one of the design industry's most respected talents with an international profile of residential and commercial clients. Over the course of his career, Smith has consistently developed a style that has been characterized as a delicate blend of "European tradition and American modernism." Most recently, his work was celebrated in two best-selling books from Rizzoli Publishing; *Elements of Style* (2007) and *Houses* (2008). He is the recipient of many prestigious awards, including Architectural Digest's "The AD 100" in 2002 and 2004 and the Los Angeles Pacific Design Center's West Week "Stars of Design" in 2004. He was also named 2003 Designer of the Year by Elle Decor. In addition, his projects have been featured in such noted publications as Elle Decor Magazine, Architectural Digest, House Beautiful, Town and Country, Domino, Metropolitan Home, Interior Design, and W.

A native of California, Smith studied interior design at the Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles. In 1984, he continued his studies at The Victoria and Albert Museum in London. Returning to the U.S. a year later, he worked briefly under the tutelage of legendary antiques dealer Gep Durenberger before subsequently moving to New York to work with the well-known designer John Saladino. Three years later, he returned to California and opened a home furnishings store. His design firm was launched in 1990. He has continued to build his business through the introduction of his signature furniture and fabric lines, Jasper, which are sold exclusively in multi-line showrooms across the U.S. and the U.K.

Smith is also partnered with several manufacturers in a select number of licensing agreements, including Cowtan and Tout, for whom he developed a fabric and leather collection in 1997. In 1999, he began a continuing relationship with Kohler, for whom he has designed three successful lines for the Kallista brand, as well as a collection for Kohler-owned Ann Sacks Tile. His other licensing agreements include Visual Comfort Lighting, Mansour Modern Rugs, Patterson, Flynn and Martin Carpeting, Samuel and Sons Passementrie and Agaria Home Fragrances.

Michael Smith also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Otis College of Art and Design and is a co-chair of the American Friends of the Olympia International Fine Art and Antique Fair.

Smith divides his time between Los Angeles and New York City.