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BEST INTERIOR DESIGN FIRM, CONTEMPORARY: APPEGATE TRAN

When it comes to interiors that are truly contemporary and of the moment, designers Chai Tran and Victor Applegate are the ones to know. For nearly 20 years, the duo (who also own the Palladian showroom at the San Francisco Design Center) have been creating cutting-edge residential and commercial interiors, and, most recently, a range of lighting available at Home Myerson. "In the past year, we had the opportunity to work on major projects," says Tran proudly. "We also purchased a building in the heart of the Mission District for our office (that's currently under construction)." While the team studies their new space, they are also hard at work on projects in California, New York, Phoenix, Hawaii and Vietnam, where they have been tapped to redesign the famous Q Bar at the Saigon Opera House. 34 Woodland Dr., San Francisco, 415.487.2261, appagatetrans.com



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BEST INTERIOR DESIGN FIRM, TRADITIONAL: SUZANNE TUCKER

Suzanne Tucker's career is in steady, perpetual motion. "In 2012 we saw the completion of major projects in California and beyond," says the S.F.-based designer, who worked with design legend Michael Taylor before launching her own studio, Tucker & Morita, in 1986. Known for crafting graceful, sophisticated spaces, Tucker also designs furnishings. "I'm excited with my new Alameda fabric collection," she says. "Last year we were awarded besties and furniture lines to come in 2015." 58 Alcatraz Lane, Fourth Floor, San Francisco, 415.445.6789, tuckerandmorita.com



BEST ARCHITECTURE FIRM: FELDMAN ARCHITECTURE

The past year was a banner year for Feldman Architecture, who saw its Beverly Hills and Culver City offices garner international attention and whose Fair Way House was featured in *Modern Living's* San Francisco magazine. In addition, the award-winning firm was able to "blow off their urban work in a more tangible way," explains principal Jonathan Feldman. "Members of the community were able to walk through Fair Way House during the AIA SF Home Tour." In the coming year, the architect and his team look forward to "continued work with amazing clients," he says. "They're also looking forward to starting a series of projects that includes a vacation home in Healdsburg, custom built projects in San Francisco, and several single-family homes on the S.F. Bay Peninsula and beyond, including a cabin on Santa's Vineyard. 2009 Lomas St., Suite 200, San Francisco, 415.252.7911, feldmanarchitecture.com