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TIFFANY THOMPSON
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For Tiffany Thompson of Duet Interiors, symbiosis is vital. The spaces she creates are a genuinely collaborative effort between designer and client. "It really isn't about me," Thompson says, "but about how my work can inspire others to be the best version of themselves." Founded in 2019, her firm—based in Portland, Oregon—has crafted cozy, livable interiors for families from Minnesota to Miami. Pro athletes and sporting-goods institutions have become her most loyal clients, as she's designed offices for Nike and homes for NBA stars like D'Angelo Russell. Later this year, she'll be expanding her profile with the release of a line of furniture and homewares.

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Introducing eight game-changing design studios pushing interiors into the future—and doing it with wit and originality.

by Camille Okhio



Radioactive hues are deployed like neutrals in the work of Uchronia (see page 62), the Paris-based interior and furniture design studio founded by Julien Sebban (pictured at left, with his partner Jonathan Wray) in 2019. "We're not afraid of anything that could be seen as kitsch or passé," Sebban says. "We try to reveal the extraordinary in the underappreciated." Uchronia has brought its zest into historic interiors like Forest restaurant at Paris's Musée d'Art Moderne and more. Their collaborations with decorative-arts stalwarts like silk manufacturer Prelle meld the old with the new, making an argument for how the past can be zhuzhed to remain exciting and fresh. uchronia.fr

UCHRONIA
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Matthew Avignone

Los Angeles-based designer Leah Ring was working at ELLE DECOR A-List studio Reath Design when she began making furniture under the moniker Another Human in 2017. Two years later she went out on her own, expanding into full-service interior design (see page 46). Since then she has decorated large- and small-scale residential and commercial projects, mostly in California. Her rooms are recognizable for their of-the-moment palette: hues like bubblegum pink and supernova yellow meet fresh mints and sky blues. "Color is always the starting point," Ring says. "It has such strong emotional power." anotherhuman.la



LEAH RING
photographed by Maggie Shannon

ESTELLE BAILEY-BABENZIEN

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In 2007, before becoming a designer, Brooklyn-based Estelle Bailey-Babenzien made a name for herself through her Tumblr Dream Awake, sharing images of architecture and art. Now she offers a range of services, from creative direction and visual merchandising to interior architecture and branding. She is equally open-minded in the projects she takes on, designing anything from a Black-owned crab shack in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, to actor Adrian Grenier's brownstone a few miles away. "We only work with people who share a similar ideology and a sense of social and environmental responsibility," Bailey-Babenzien says. "That's what keeps business personal and a pleasure." thedreamawake.com