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# One last thing...

**10** second round-up



Martin Brudnizki, the interior designer behind some of London's best-known bars, talks biggest inspirations and creating a home you really love

Words: Lindsay Blair

## What's keeping you busy?

The London design team and I have been very busy on the interior for the new Annabel's nightclub at 46 Berkeley Square, which has been such an exciting project at an iconic, world-renowned location. We took inspiration from the greenery of Berkeley Square, so each of the impressive townhouse's floors is reminiscent of a different garden. We're also preparing for the opening of the University Arms hotel in Cambridge in early 2018. We've created a traditional college style, but with a contemporary twist. Across the pond, with the team in my New York studio, I have completed Bullion, our first restaurant in Dallas, Texas. It has a 'Mad Men' feel. I love the challenge of designing for different types of properties. One of my favourite projects in 2017 was a multi-storey restaurant and bar in Paris, called Pink Mamma, where the top floor has a stunning glazed roof with verdant foliage.

## Did you always want to be in design?

I think so. My mother was a stylist and my father was an engineer; so, growing up, I was always surrounded by beautiful things. They have both informed the way I work today and have been great influences on me and my designs. My father always said "focus on the here and now, and the future will be part of the journey" and I suppose



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the same could be said for interiors. Don't try and follow trends. Be honest with yourself about what you like – and design to suit the building – and you will create a look that will last.

## What's your career highlight so far?

Being asked to redesign two iconic London restaurants – Scott's and Le Caprice – so early on in my career was a springboard into the hospitality world. It was certainly a leg up to being asked to reinvent The Ivy, London, in 2015. Working with Nick Jones on Soho Beach House, Miami was another pivotal moment – it was one of our first US projects and brings back fond memories.

## How did your homeware products brand And Objects come about?

I found I was commissioning bespoke items for a lot of my projects, so thought "why don't we do this ourselves?". We set up And Objects in 2015 and now it has its own collection of homeware, plus collaborations with five companies, including a brassware range with bathroom brand Drummonds.

## What inspires you?

Growing up in Stockholm opened my eyes to brilliant design from a young age. Architect Gunnar Asplund was a big inspiration in the way he created

modernist forms, as well as architect and artist Josef Frank for his use of colours and patterns. As I got older and studied architecture in London, I came to appreciate a wider range of architects, from Carlo Scarpa to Renzo Mongiardino.

## What's your golden rule for great home design?

Build your home up over years with collections of things you really love and that mean something to you. Comfort is key and I like to create a hotel-style bedroom by mixing low-level lighting, plush seating and artwork. Have fun, too, by bringing in pieces which show your personality.

[mbds.com](http://mbds.com)  
[drummonds-uk.com](http://drummonds-uk.com)

**1** Leawood lever three-hole basin mixer, £1278, Drummonds.

**2** A contemporary bathroom design at the Madison Square Park Tower development in New York.

**3** The roof terrace of Pink Mamma restaurant and bar, Paris.

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# Talking-point taps

Add a statement to your bathroom or cloakroom with a stand-out basin mixer. We've rounded up some of the coolest styles



Leawood wall-mounted lever basin mixer by Martin Brudnizki, £1278, Drummonds.  
[drummonds-uk.com](http://drummonds-uk.com)



Nice faucet by Matteo Thunn, price on application, Fantini.  
[fantini.it](http://fantini.it)



Princess Nouveau mixer in brushed copper, £260, Bagnodesign.  
[bagnodesignlondon.com](http://bagnodesignlondon.com)



Equilibrio basin mixer by Gessi, £110, CP Hart.  
[cphart.co.uk](http://cphart.co.uk)



Axor Starck V basin mixer with diamond-cut glass spout, £1380, Hansgrohe.  
[hansgrohe.co.uk](http://hansgrohe.co.uk)



Kallista basin tap, £2019, West One Bathrooms.  
[westonebathrooms.com](http://westonebathrooms.com)

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Collection 'O' three-hole basin mixer, £2766, THG Paris.  
[thg-paris.com](http://thg-paris.com)



Water Circle monobloc basin tap, £409, Crosswater.  
[crosswater.co.uk](http://crosswater.co.uk)



Elements basin mixer in Oxblood and Aged Brass, £1311, The Watermark Collection.  
[thewatermarkcollection.eu](http://thewatermarkcollection.eu)