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# HAMPTONS

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Mojo Stumer Associates brilliant blends luxe, modern moments with the home's idyllic surroundings.

## The Home Front

FROM CUSTOM BUILDERS TO IN-HOUSE, MADE-TO-MEASURE STUDIOS, THE HAMPTONS REAL ESTATE SCENE IS ALWAYS ABUZZ. HERE, THE EAST END'S INDUSTRY LEADERS GET REAL ABOUT THEIR SPECIALTIES, SUMMER TRENDS AND SO MUCH MORE.

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### MOJO STUMER ASSOCIATES

"When it comes to Hamptons homes, no two houses are the same," says Mojo Stumer Associates' (mojostumer.com) architectural designer Mason Sofia. "Yet, all of the architecture and design in the Hamptons has this underlying tone of softness and naturality that blends the warmth of the summer landscape." MSA has, for the past 40 years, been carefully curating these ultraluxe abodes all over Long Island—honing in on thoughtful designs; innovative planning; and, of course, a unique creative execution of insightful, modern (and award-winning, we might add) architecture and interiors. "Every Mojo Stumer-designed house in the Hamptons is designed specifically to its site and context. With each unique design, we strive to be just as inclusive in this Hamptons architectural style." From its signature modern designs to classic shingle-style homes, the firm tackles each project individually and gives each home its own unique identity and dazzling landscape environment.

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### ZICANA SURFACES

While sleek, opulent stone and materials are Zicana's (zicana.com) specialty, we promise there's nothing surface level about this company. In fact, this team has a "soul purpose" and passion for creation without limit. The in-house, made-to-measure studio allows clients to personalize a collection of stone and surface materials to fit their tastes and style. With everything from consulting and design to customization and installation services, Zicana is here to help change the way you look and feel about stone forever. Not sure where to start? CEO Francesco Marasco breaks down some current trends he's seeing for summer. "The East End's interior design trends consistently exude a distinct charm through their utilization of clean, light color tones, resulting in a unique and expansive space. The refined details exhibit a minimalist approach, while also exhibiting meticulous attention to every aspect," he shares. "A current trend that stands out for me is the use of dominant marble and large-format porcelain slabs. They are taking over the market due to their cost-effectiveness and durability, especially for outdoor kitchens."

**JON BIJARI CUSTOM HOMES** In the world of custom homes, Jon Bijari (jonbijari.com) is nothing short of a success story. From his first construction job under a production builder in 2001, he has masterfully climbed the ladder, going on to build his own homes throughout Brooklyn and Queens; opening Rockwell Developers, where he worked for some of New York's most meticulous clientele; and now, leading his own boutique firm that focuses on quality over quantity. For Bijari, building and designing are so effortlessly woven together, and his signature touch can be found in even the most inconspicuous of corners. As for what to expect out of his Hamptons homes? "Custom homes on the East End cater to a high-end clientele who demand exceptional quality and luxury in their homes. These homes almost always feature unique, high-end finishes—and usually have extensive outdoor spaces," he shares. "Furthermore, these homes often incorporate the latest technology and home automation systems, eco-friendly and energy-efficient features, and high-tech security systems, ensuring that they are not only beautiful and luxurious, but also functional and practical."



Clockwise from top left: A custom console by Zicana, made of Zebirno polished marble; Greg D'Angelo Construction, alongside architect Kathrine McCoy, masterfully executed the exterior and interior design of this East Hampton abode; a Jon Bijari custom home in Great Neck.



### GREG D'ANGELO CONSTRUCTION

"This year, it has been all about the outdoor spaces," says Greg D'Angelo, president of his eponymous firm (gdcbuild.com). "Many of my clients spend the majority of their time here in the warmer months, so they really want to spend the bulk of that time outdoors. From pool houses and pavilions to outdoor living rooms and kitchens, everyone wants a great outdoor space to entertain, lounge and enjoy the Hamptons air." With over 35 years of experience around the East End, it's safe to say we trust his word. With this team, the fun starts early—at the home's inception, to be exact. Working closely together, the team (as your preconstruction manager) optimizes your home's constructability—from accurate budget and scheduling, shorter project durations, providing value engineering options and much, much more. "Hamptons custom homes are truly that: custom," he says. "In other areas, you might see a particular style that goes with the area, whether it's a seaside town or a development-style neighborhood; however, in the Hamptons, all customers' homes are unique. My clients often find an architect that has a style they really admire, and work directly with the architect to design a home that truly fits how they plan to use their home."