

The List By House & Garden is our indispensable guide to design professionals. After the recent launch of The List in the US, we talk to one of its American members



TOP FROM LEFT This house by Peter Pennoyer Architects in the village of Millbrook in New York State was inspired by local Greek Revival architecture. The sitting room of a Manhattan apartment. **ABOVE** Peter Pennoyer, who founded PPA in 1990, is on the US steering committee of The List

Introducing

PETER PENNOYER ARCHITECTS

This 50-person firm of architects, interior designers and related professionals is principally based in New York, with a second office in Miami. PPA is recognized as a leader in new construction, renovation and historic preservation for projects in the US and abroad. We talk to its founder

THE LIST Which architects have influenced or inspired your own work most?

PETER I admire Thomas Jefferson for his deft and resonant translation of the great themes of classicism into Monticello, his house in Virginia, which is thoroughly American. Sir John Soane's architecture provides my firm with endless inspiration. We admire his elegant abstractions of complex geometries, often found in monumental architecture and to which he brings a human scale, and we are fascinated by the architecture of William Adams Delano. His New York City buildings encompass the graceful proportions of Federal-style architecture, while embedding sculptural effects of the Greek Revival.

THE LIST Is there a period of architecture that you feel the world would be better without?

PETER Brutalism.

THE LIST What is the most important character trait for an architect to have?

PETER Reverence for worthy history.

THE LIST And for clients to have?

PETER Patience.

THE LIST Can you recommend a design book?

PETER We have so many in our office library, it is hard to choose one. But I am obsessed with Gunnela Ivanov's *Swedish Grace* (Orosdi-Back, €54), which has such a wide-ranging collection of images of architecture and decorative arts from that splendid Twenties period of Swedish design.

THE LIST Do you collect anything?

PETER Architecture books from 1684 onwards. Also curiosities – I have two cabinets full, including drafting instruments, scientific demonstration models, Sixties American car models and anything else that catches my eye. And prints and drawings by American 20th-century architects.

THE LIST Will architecture and interior design change as a result of the pandemic?

PETER Some of our long-term practices, such as engineering houses for quiet between rooms, are even more important now many clients are working from home. We have always believed rooms should have strong relationships to the land and to gardens; this is especially important when we are spending more time at home □

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