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talents revealed



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**HBA (HIRSCH BEDNER ASSOCIATES)**  
 INTERIOR DESIGN  
 OFFICES WORLDWIDE, INCLUDING  
 DUBAI & ISTANBUL

**The Vision:** HBA designs hotels that reveal a sense of place; it has been a leader in this field for 52 years. World-class residences and spas are also part of its remit.

**The Landmark:** Designed around an 800-year-old pond, the Four Seasons Kyoto is a masterclass in combining old and new.

**The Future:** Upcoming projects include the Langham Place Residences in Downtown Dubai and the Suzhou Hotel in China for The Luxury Collection, which opens next year.

[hba.com](http://hba.com)



**GENSLER**  
 ARCHITECTURE &  
 INTERIOR DESIGN

OFFICES WORLDWIDE, INCLUDING  
 ABU DHABI & DUBAI

**The DNA:** Founded in 1965, Gensler is unique in the wide reach of its projects, which span the fields of culture, hospitality, urban planning, residential, transport and more.

**New Icons:** In 2017, Gensler unveiled its design for Etsy's eco-friendly New York base, a colourful, upbeat filled with living walls; the same year, it also created the Shanghai Tower, currently China's tallest building at 632 metres. In Kuwait, The Four Seasons at Burj Alshaya Centre is designed around regional architectural tradition.

[gensler.com](http://gensler.com)

1. The Four Seasons in Kuwait by **Gensler** 2. A lamp by Lebanese designer **Hicham Ghandour** 3. The Presidential Suite at the Langham in Jeddah by **HBA**

**HICHAM GHANDOUR**  
 FURNITURE DESIGN

BEIRUT

**The Founder:** Born in Beirut, Hicham Ghandour studied furniture restoration at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York and also gilding in Florence.

In 2011, he returned to Beirut and set up his own design studio.  
**The Work:** Ghandour specialises in one-off, hand-crafted designs in noble materials – he has created gilded objects for Ralph Lauren and a series of furniture for Milan's cutting-edge Nilufar Gallery, including tables of bronze and lapis lazuli and rock-crystal lighting.

[hichamghandour.com](http://hichamghandour.com)

