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## Frank Ponterio Interior Design

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For Frank Ponterio, interior design is more than a career—it's a lifelong passion. "I've been sketching my whole life," he says. This year, however, marks the 20th anniversary of his company, Frank Ponterio Interior Design. As a skilled designer, Frank's expertise in other interior design-related fields adds to his overall design perspective. "My background in architecture, construction, and historic preservation allow me to approach a project with an eye for details in a way that many others cannot," he says.

Known for his "modern classic" style, Frank gravitates toward timeless pieces and designs that have a strong design provenance. "I'm inspired and interested in all periods and styles, so as to curate designs that seamlessly fit my clientele's modern lifestyles," he says. Lately, Frank has noticed clean design elements dominating the interior design scene: "designs that are classic, but pared back in a way that truly calls attention to the importance of details," he says.

Recently, Frank debuted his second furniture collection, The Frank Ponterio Collection (in collaboration with Avrett, the South Carolina-based fine furniture company). The collection features 11 pieces of lighting, mirrors, and furniture. "We imposed no limits in collaborating on the collection, using only the best all natural materials, finishes, and techniques," Frank says. "This year, I'm already planning on a third collection and looking forward to seeing my sketches turn into reality."

