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JAMIE DRAKE & CALEB ANDERSON

MULTI-AWARD-WINNING DESIGNER JAMIE DRAKE, famous for developing a new luxurious modernism, as well as for designing Mayor Bloomberg's and Madonna's homes, recently partnered with Caleb Anderson, a much-watched young talent, to form a new firm, Drake/Anderson.

You have an exciting new partnership. Describe how your design sensibilities complement and contrast with each other's work. Jamie Drake: Combining my modernity and fearless approach to color with Caleb's polished sensibility and skillful juxtaposition of historical periods. It's invigorating to have another editor by my side.

You've been described as the go-to designer for the billionaire set. What's trending now for ultimate one-percenters? JD: They request things that are unique and intriguing but insist upon comfort and function. The interest in commissioned pieces by great contemporary artisans has grown and grown.

Is there an Uptown versus Downtown style? JD and Caleb Anderson: No, not really. Stylistically, both parts of town demand a relaxed sense of luxe, with spaces that really function.

Jamie, you are known for a vibrant use of color. What color palettes are you working with now? JD: Muted, cooler, steelier grays: charcoal, silver, gypsum, platinum and zinc accented with ethereal aquas, blues and lavenders.

Design rules you like to break. JD/CA: I believe there are no color combinations that won't work; it all depends on fine-tuning the shade, tone and quantity.

Favorite room to design: JD/CA: Living rooms are our favorite, as we always envision them filled with people, ready for a party!

The room in your home you are happiest with: JD: My bedroom. I find sleeping in a dark room to be sexy.

News for 2016: JD/CA: Three apartments on the Upper East Side, a London townhouse, a large house in Malibu and a full-floor apartment in the new Herzog and de Meuron building.

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Far left: Jamie Drake and Caleb Anderson. Above left, and top: Drake/Anderson's bedroom, designed for the 2016 Kips Bay Show House.

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