

# A to Z OF ARCHITECTS AND DESIGNERS

For professional help to get your project off the ground, look no further than our round-up of top specialist practices in the UK *Words: Abi Grogan*

## A-C

### 1st Architects

Studio 1n, 128 Robinson Road, London SW17 (020 8767 1311; london.1starchitects.com)

Specialises in making the design process straightforward for first-time house-builders.

**Choose it for** Tricky planning applications.

2hd

8 Dale Street, Nottingham (01159 419 766; 2hd.co.uk)

This innovative Anglo-Norwegian collaboration has bases in Nottingham and Oslo.

**Choose it for** Inventive, eye-catching designs.

**3s Architects and Designers**  
17a Princes Road, Richmond, London TW10 (020 8332 9966; 3s-ad.com)

With nominations from RIBA, you'll be in safe hands with this international firm.

**Choose it for** Extensions to listed properties.

**Ailtir(eacht)**

81 Rivington Street, London EC2A (020 3468 4632; ailtir.net)

One of our favourite projects from this London and Dublin-based practice involved adding a bold,

## PROFESSIONAL BODIES

The British Institute of Interior Design (020 7628 0255; biid.org.uk)

A directory of interior designers, as well as suppliers.

Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (020 7278 2206; ciat.org.uk) Specialists in the science of architecture, design and construction.

The Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (0131 229 7545; rias.org.uk) Search for architects and suppliers, and look for members with eco accreditation.

Royal Institute of British Architects (020 7580 5533; architecture.com/useanarchitect) Search 3,000 RIBA chartered architects.

zinc-clad extension to a terraced house in Dublin.

**Choose it for** Strikingly modern designs.

**Alma-nac**

11 Waterloo Court, 10 Theed Street, London SE1 (020 7928 2092; alma-nac.com)

This concept-driven, collaborative practice will apply experience from a breadth of different industries to your project.

**Choose it for** Difficult plots.

**AndArchitects**

142 Battersea Park Road, London SW11 (020 7720 5999; andarchitects.co.uk)

AndArchitects' projects are characterised by openness and client involvement. It

won the contract to design the handball stadium for the Rio Olympics in 2016.

**Choose it for** A design ethos that favours simplicity.

**Andrew Mulroy Architects**  
C1A 2nd Floor, Linton House, 39-51 Highgate Road, London NW5 (020 7284 2712; mulroy.info)

Andrew Mulroy has a wealth of public and residential experience – see its single-height extension on page 44.

**Choose it for** A fun approach to environmentally sensitive architecture.

**AR Design Studio**

Calpe House, 20 Little Minster Street, Winchester (01962 864 545; ardesignstudio.co.uk)

Bespoke extensions are one of

AR's specialities – check out its single-height extension in Winchester on page 48.

**Choose it for** Unusual facades.

**Architect Your Home**

(0800 849 8505; architect-yourhome.com)

This unique, user-friendly service unites 23 architects across the country and assigns a personal account manager to each project. Check out its single-height extension project on page 40.

**Choose it for** A pay-as-you-go self-build plan.

**Ashton Porter Architects**

11 Second Avenue, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, Middlesex (020 8372 1619; ashtonporter.com)

This architecture and design studio scooped the *Grand Designs* Extension of the Year award in 2013.

**Choose it for** Internationally celebrated designers.

**Baca Homes**

Unit 1, 199 Long Lane, London SE1 (020 7397 5620; bacahomes.co.uk)

A research-led design practice, Baca's flood-resilient property in Watford is the first of its kind, demonstrating the company's dedication to finding new

building solutions in a changing climate.

**Choose it for** Flood-risk areas.

**Bench Architects**

23 Terrace Road, Buxton, Derbyshire (01298 23991; bencharchitects.co.uk)

This Derbyshire studio specialises in contemporary glass extensions to traditional stone cottages, and has an extensive knowledge of historic building conservation.

**Choose it for** Projects involving sensitive/protected properties.

**CDMS Architects**

Montpelier House, 99 Montpelier Road, Brighton (01273 220 407; cdmspartners.com)

Based in central Brighton, CDMS offers well-designed and sustainable living spaces, using local materials wherever possible.

**Choose it for** Integrating modern design into heritage properties.

**Charles Barclay Architects**

74 Josephine Avenue, London SW2 (020 8674 0037; cbarchitects.co.uk)

A well-known studio with an extensive portfolio of elegant, top-end residential projects. The side return extension featured on page 68 is a good example of its work.

**Choose it for** Clean-cut, minimalist designs.

**Cullinan Studio**

5 Baldwin Terrace, London N1 (020 7704 1975; cullinanstudio.com)

This long-standing studio is renowned for its sustainability credentials. See its handiwork

for yourself by turning to the garden room on page 91.

**Choose it for** Green solutions with a strict budget.

## D-F

**Designscape Architects**

Bath Brewery, Toll Bridge Road, Bath (01225 858 500; dscape.co.uk)

This award-winning Bath practice has considerable experience in listed and historic houses.

**Choose it for** Blending crisp design with traditional architecture.

**Dust Architecture**

Studio 1, The Stableyard, 16A Balham Hill, London SW12 (020 7993 8071; dustarchitecture.com)

This young firm can help transform regular Victorian terraces into something incredible. Check out its roof extension on page 74.

**Choose it for** An injection of contemporary style.

**Ewan Cameron Architects**

The Lighthouse, 11 Mitchell Lane, Glasgow (0141 244 0183; ewancameronarchitects.com)

Led by the accredited passive house designer Ewan Cameron, this Scottish practice has an office in Glasgow and a design studio in rural Perthshire.

**Choose it for** Energy-efficient homes and extensions.

**Fraher Architects**

The Studio, London SE23 (020 8291 6947; fra-her.com)

This environmentally conscious

## CLADDING

Ecochoice (0845 638 1340; ecochoice.co.uk) Suppliers of FSC

certified sustainable timber for external cladding.

**Marley Eternit**

(01283 722 588; marleyeternit.co.uk) Offers a range of architectural

fibre cement facade systems and render.

**Roles Broderick**

(01276 856 604; rolesbroderick.com)

Specialists in metal roofing

and cladding, covering zinc, copper, aluminium and steel.

**Russwood**

(01540 673 648; russwood.co.uk) Scottish supplier of sustainable timber, including

larch, Western red cedar, oak and heat-treated Accoya.

**Sto**

(0141 892 8000; sto.co.uk) Offers a range of breathable,

water-repellent and self-cleaning renders, applied in a single coat and available in a range of colours.

practice was established in 2009 by young architects Joe Fraher and Lizzie Webster, who also teach architectural courses at Nottingham University.

**Choose it for** An eco-conscious approach to modern design.

**Folio Design**

14 Greenland Street, London NW1 (020 7692 5040; foliodesignllp.com)

For pure luxury, pay a visit to Folio Design – the practice's glamorous garden room can be found on page 94.

**Choose it for** Built-in interior solutions.

## G-L

**Giles Pike Architects**

537 Battersea Park Road, London SW11 (020 7924 6257; gilespike.com)

In 2013, this south-west London firm was named one of the top 25 residential architects in the country by *The Sunday Times*.

**Choose it for** A wealth of design experience

**Granit Chartered Architects Studios 18-19, 16 Porteus Place, London SW4 (020 7924 4555; granit.co.uk)**

This London firm specialises in listed and conservation-area houses. See page 96 for its garden room.

**Choose it for** Experience of a wide range of styles.

**Gregory Phillips Architects**  
17 Savile Row, London W1S (020 3797 1572; gregoryphillips.com)

Gregory Phillips has won accolades for interior design, including *The Sunday Times* British Homes and RIBA awards.

**Choose it for** Interiors expertise.

**Gutfeld Architecture**  
8-9 Stephen Mews, London W1T (020 7043 1016; gutfeldarchitecture.co.uk)

This firm is known for striking designs and clever interior architecture – check out the →

## GREAT PRACTICES FOR EXTENSIONS



**Apropos, Greenside House, Richmond Street, Ashton-Under-Lyne (0800 328 0033; aproposconservatories.co.uk)**

This structural-glass design studio brought natural light into this London home with large expanses of glazing. **Project cost** £16,000



**Adam Knibb Architects**  
The Dolphin, 33 St Thomas Street, Winchester (01962 622 047; adamknibbarchitects.com)

This practice can help with double-height extensions in suburban areas where space might be tight – this addition contrasts wood panelling with white render to striking effect. **Project cost** £65,000



**Simon Astridge**  
225A Brecknock Road, London N19 (020 7267 0088; simonastridge.com)

Looking for a firm that uses unusual materials? This practice built this concrete/plywood addition, plus a loft extension. It also specialises in demolishing unwanted extensions. **Project cost** £100,000 for similar



**Buildteam**  
Unit 1F, Clapham North Arts Centre, 26-32 Voltaire Road, London SW4 (020 7495 6561; buildteam.com)

Specialists in side-return and loft extensions, this Clapham-based firm is your go-to for complete build solutions, such as this attic addition in London. **Project cost** From £40,000