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It was Leonardo da Vinci who said that “simplicity is the ultimate sophistication” and this ideal resonates in the work of Teresa Ryback, the principal designer and founder of *td*Swansburg design studio. Her commitment to subtle simplicity and quality design continues to capture the attention of clients both locally and abroad. The firm has been creating intelligent design solutions since its inception in 2000, earning multiple awards for design excellence. Teresa has distinguished her firm in the design discipline and developed a steady, successful rhythm by undertaking projects that inspire her and her team. This standard, along with ethical guiding principles, leads to designs that whisper timeless elegance and understated luxury.

Specializing in residential and hospitality design, *td*Swansburg began developing interiors that appear effortless, yet have an elusive combination of both form and function. With the belief that interior design and decoration should elevate the architecture of the residence, Teresa begins every project by identifying the historical architectural influences and guides her savvy clients through an informative history lesson. She encourages clients to collect inspirational photos, and then seamlessly integrates the client’s vision of home and individual style while maintaining architectural integrity. As an example of her design firm’s flexibility, Teresa

approached a contemporary West Coast home and skillfully unified the breathtaking ocean views with her affinity for mid-century modern furniture, and produced a space that had lasting appeal, original personality and simple, classic beauty.

Inspired by the majestic Pacific Northwest surroundings, the striking environments and natural elements often motivate clients to desire more conscientious choices for their projects. Ever concerned with Earth’s fragile status, *td*Swansburg continues to forge relationships with eco-friendly suppliers and specify sustainable materials. Whenever possible, the designers locally source expert craftspeople and search for original artwork while managing the details that are vital to a project’s success. By maintaining a library of international suppliers,

**ABOVE**  
A Foscarini Caboche suspended light fixture floats in the space. Asphalt Gray walls create a dramatic backdrop to Phillippe Starck Ghost chairs, custom upholstered Italian Toile dining chairs and a richly finished classic table.  
*Photograph by Alec Watson, stphotoworks.com*

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A softly lit suspended ceiling detail in a rich walnut stain is the focal of this formal living room. A symmetrical balance is created by the placement of exquisite furniture pieces around a polished concrete fireplace.  
*Photograph by Brian Giebelhaus*



the designers have access to today's leading trends, and clients have a plethora of pertinent options from which to choose.

Having earned her Associate Degree in Arts and Science, Teresa went on to formally study interior design, paralleling her studies with her pursuit to explore the world's leading art galleries and museums. Her passion and dedication for design and architecture—with an artist's eye—allows her to visualize a space in terms of composition, light, colour and texture. Looking toward the future, Teresa and her team at tdSwansburg design studio see limitless avenues for creative expression in such a thoroughly diverse region as the Pacific Northwest. By perpetuating a strong design philosophy and tapping into a myriad of local resources, the future of design is harmoniously synchronizing with the inspired vision of this award-winning West Coast artisan.



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The beauty is in the mix. Expansive West Coast ocean views set the backdrop for the designer's love of classic mid-century modern furniture. A Herman Miller Noguchi table and a Le Corbusier Chaise Lounge share the room with a sleek Century Signature sofa. *Photograph by Alec Watson, stphotoworks.com*

#### BOTTOM LEFT

A glittering trio of crystal chandeliers, a faux-finished ceiling and opulent damask draperies adorn the dining room. Glass and polished chrome accessories add drama. *Photograph by Brian Giebelhaus*

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Open plan interiors facilitate the West Coast lifestyle. Designer's details include a curved inlaid tile pattern echoing the curved ceiling detail. Crystal chandeliers add glamour to this casual room. *Photograph by Brian Giebelhaus*

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Incorporated in the design of this project was the client's love of rich colours and architecture. This was achieved through the selection of dramatic finishes, handcrafted furnishings and original artwork. *Photograph by Samantha Dodson*

