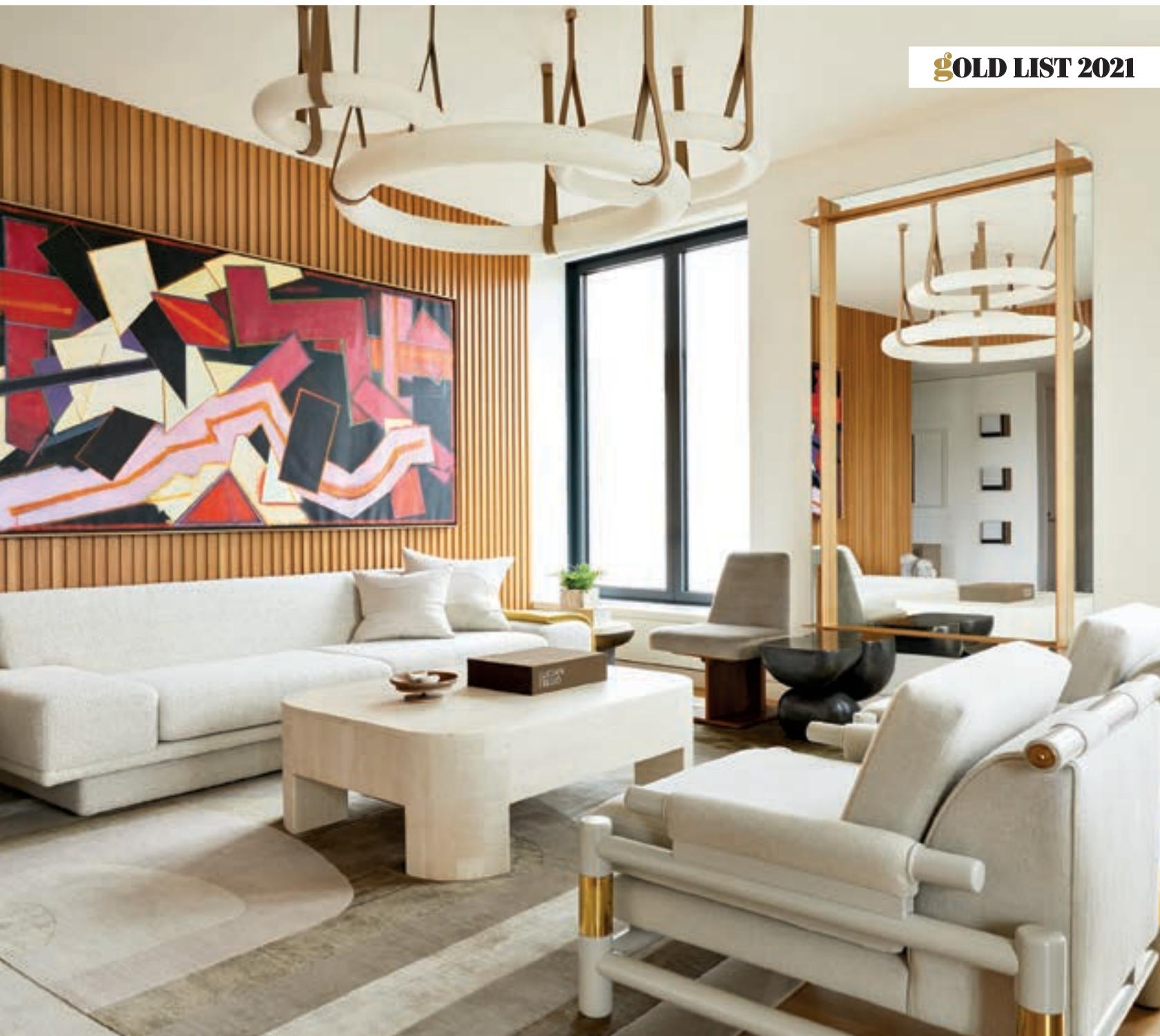


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"I listen to my clients and transform their homes into an expression of their lifestyle, to be experienced and enjoyed with family and friends."

After Jeffrey B. Haines and his team at Butler's of Far Hills, Inc., have completed an interior design, they will, without fail, receive the best sort of phone call from the client. The conversation revolves around a small detail they've just now noticed and are delighted by. Features like upholstery trims, carpet edging and hardware finishes, at first appreciated only for their contribution to the overall impression, have become adored little moments of design. This occurrence perfectly attests to the level of intricacy, and bespoke attention, Haines devotes to every project. As does his portfolio, which boasts stunning homes in the firm's base of Somerset Hills, New Jersey, as well as Connecticut, New York, Nantucket, Coastal Florida and other areas on the East Coast. Known and praised for pushing the boundaries of interiors, Haines' work is varied, but it all falls within what he describes as "classic with modern sensibilities." "My work is definitely grounded in



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the traditional aesthetic, but with an understanding of how to introduce cleaner elements and support a modern lifestyle." When he's not busy working closely with a client, which he points to as the key to success, Haines might be found at The J. Butler Collection, his boutique design shop on Nantucket—a dream realized.

ASK THE EXPERT

Name influences and inspirations that inform your work.

Travel and fashion are major sources of this in my life. I've always been drawn to Oscar de la Renta's designs and the architecture of cities like Charleston, Savannah, Copenhagen and Salzburg. My approach to decorating and design has long been guided by legends Billy Baldwin, Mark Hampton and Angelo Donghia.

What type of project would you love to take on?

I've always thought that a project in Bermuda or the British West Indies would be fun and fresh.

What's your next move?

I aspire to design a furniture line. I have lots of sketches and ideas, and a particular passion for chairs. Maybe that is in my near future ...



Top: This summer home in historic Spring Lake is a gathering place for a multigenerational family. Modern details, like the chrome chair legs and light fixture, contrast the warmth of the wood. **Above:** A Jeffersonian feel was the inspiration for this residence, where the piano conservatory is like a jewel box of a place in its deep green. **Right:** The subtle details of each furnishing and accessory are what bring a design together, in the end. **Opposite, left:** Sophisticated and full of sunlight, this sitting room is the perfect place for conversation and thoughtful solitude alike. **Opposite, right:** Unique pecky-cypress wood was chosen for the beams, bookcases and wall paneling of this study. Glass windows above the shelves and door frames invite light in.

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