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CHRISTIE'S PRESENTS A TWO-DAY SALE OF A PALLADIAN VILLA BY MICHAEL S. SMITH AT CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK ON APRIL 23-24, 2013



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New York - Christie's is honored to present the two-day sale of **A Palladian Villa by Michael S. Smith** taking place 23-24 April. Encompassing over 500 lots, the sale will include contemporary art, English furniture, Old Master paintings, Chinese works of art, antiquities, and Southeast Asian art from a remarkable private property designed by Michael S. Smith, one of the most venerated figures in interior design. The inspiration for the design, which is the subject of Smith's upcoming book *Building Beauty: The Alchemy of Design**, was drawn directly from the architecture of the house,

a Palladian villa overlooking the Pacific Ocean. This concept allowed Smith to create a home that was informed by a classical sensibility but within a modern context, filled with extraordinary art and furnishings that span the past 500 years.

Further details of the sale and catalogue will be available by March.

About Michael S. Smith: Michael S. Smith is considered one of the most original and respected talents in the design industry today. A native of California, Michael studied interior design at Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles. In 1984, he continued his studies at The Victoria and Albert Museum in London, then returned to the U.S. to work under the tutelage of legendary antiques dealer Gep Durenberger. His design firm, Michael S. Smith Inc., was launched in 1990 and through the years, Michael has received many prestigious awards. He has been named three times to *Architectural Digest's* "The AD 100," and is the recipient of the Pacific Design Center's West Week "Stars of Design." He has been named Designer of the Year by *Elle Décor* as well as being named to that publication's A-List. Michael serves on the Tate International Council as well as the Global Council for the Studio Museum in Harlem. He is a member of ASID, the American Society of Interior Designers. In 2010, Michael was appointed by President Obama to the Committee for the Preservation of the White House. His work has been celebrated in three beautiful volumes from Rizzoli Publishing: *Elements of Style* (2007), *Houses* (2008), and *Kitchens and Baths* (2011). His fourth book, *Building Beauty: The Alchemy of Design**, will be released in May 2013.

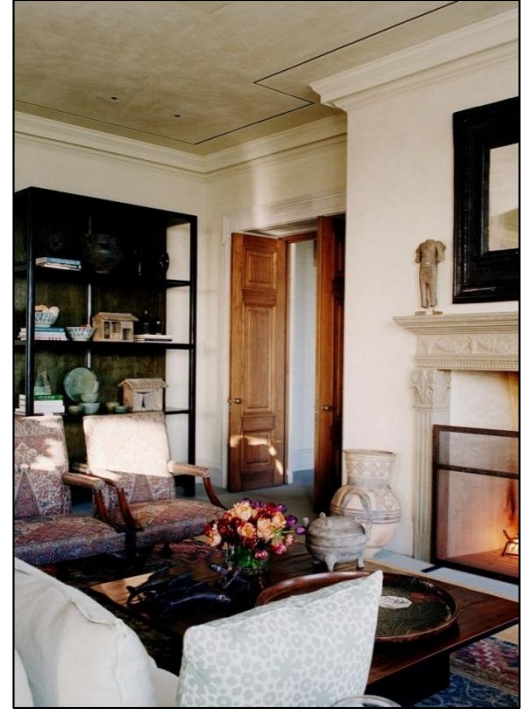


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***Note to editors:**

Building Beauty: The Alchemy of Design will be released by Rizzoli New York on May 14, 2013, Hardcover, \$55.

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