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## Home & Design

Whether you need a new area rug to jazz up your abode or an entirely new from-scratch custom place to call home, locals turn to these design pros.

BY DAVID M. BROWN



2014 WINNER

BEST ARCHITECT

>> ERIK PETERSON, PHX ARCHITECTURE

Founded in 2002 by Erik Peterson, AIA, and in 2010 rebranded to PHX Architecture with Scott Carson, AIA, and Nikal Conti, the firm provides architectural design services focusing on custom residential, commercial, hospitality design as well as restaurants, golf clubhouses, offices, banks, and residences throughout the West. With projects completed in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah, Texas and Idaho, the Scottsdale firm comprises architects from various backgrounds, cultures and architecture experience, all sharing a passion for a Living Architecture. [phxarch.com](http://phxarch.com).

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## BEST LANDSCAPING

>>>XEROPHYTIC DESIGN, INC.

From the initial design concept, construction documents and 3D renderings to installation and long-term maintenance of the property, Xerophytic handles every project phase. This includes landscape design, clean-ups, providing cacti and color pots and service calls. Phoenix based, the company was incorporated in 2004, and owner Thomas Park has been doing landscape design for 26 years. The company approach harmonizes natural forms with artistic flair, integrating hardscape elements with local low-water-use desert plants and exotic plants to create outdoor environments that blend the interior and exterior architecture of your property. [xero.pro](http://xero.pro).

## BEST INTERIOR DESIGNER

>>AMY GUTIERREZ, SANCTUARIES INTERIOR DESIGN

A one-woman shop, Amy Gutierrez provides full-service luxury residential design from her Scottsdale studio. Since opening in 2006, her passion for domestic and international travel has allowed her to search for furnishings that are eclectic and one-of-a-kind. She incorporates these unconventional finds into her interior designs. Having moved 13 times across the nation and the Caribbean while working in the luxury hotel industry, she has been able to appreciate authenticity of design as it relates to various cultures and styles. [sanctuariesinteriordesign.com](http://sanctuariesinteriordesign.com).



2014 WINNER

BEST LUXURY RENTALS

>>>SAN MARQUIS APARTMENTS

Luxury apartment rentals with exceptional service, Mark-Taylor San Marquis is close enough to the new trendy action of Mill Avenue in downtown Tempe yet far enough to relax at one of the community's poolside cabanas. Residents choose from one of 14 floor plans, each featuring nine-foot ceilings with fans, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, in-unit washers and dryers and built-in tech centers. Amenities include a 24/7 fitness center with individual workout stations and TV's, resort-style swimming pool with sundeck, whirlpool spa, WiFi cyber café and a business center with computers and printer. [sanmarquis.com](http://sanmarquis.com).

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2014 WINNER

BEST FURNITURE/HOME STORE: LOCAL

>>PARNIAN FURNITURE

Known for its signature building on Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard, Parnian was founded in Scottsdale by architects Abdolhay and Parvaneh Parnian in 1977. The family-owned and -operated business specializes in designing custom luxury casegoods and executive offices by manufacturing the highest quality of furniture in their state-of-the-art factory in Phoenix. Daughter Leila Parnian now guides the business, as well as creates custom art and furniture, which is showcased in the Scottsdale showroom. In addition, Leila hand selects the latest designs of furniture, bedding, art, accessories, and rugs that are imported from around the world. Parnian offers Modern, Contemporary, Glamour, Organic, Transitional and Industrial styles. Parnian also has complimentary interior design services or can work alongside your existing designer as well. [parnian.com](http://parnian.com).

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BEST DESIGN FIRM: DESIGNER

>>ANGELICA HENRY

DESIGN

Angelica Henry, ASID, specializes in bespoke and unexpected details that are tailored to each client and each space. Since 2009, her award-winning firm provides pre-construction, space planning, design development, finish specifications, furnishings and custom furniture design, rendering, remodeling and accessorizing. Wide-ranging styles include Arizona and Modern Ranch, Curvaceous Contemporary, Desert Serenity, Desert Contemporary, Colorful Hacienda, Rustic Charm and Tranquil Repose. [angelicahenrydesign.com](http://angelicahenrydesign.com).

BEST HOME ACCESSORY STORE

>>FOUND

A place for inspiration to many, FOUND provides full design services as well as in-store design consultations. The new 10,000-sq.-ft. showroom in Chandler showcases hundreds of the best furniture, lighting and accessory lines for homeowners and the design trade. Clients like to shop the curated vignettes showcasing a variety of brands. Sixteen years in the business, the owners create antique and trade shows nationwide and in Europe to bring clients the best of the best. [founddesign.com](http://founddesign.com).

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BEST FLOORING COMPANY

>>IMPERIAL WHOLESAL

Serving the Valley for 36 years, Imperial Wholesale is the largest provider of affordable natural stone, ceramic tile, wood flooring, laminate and carpet

in Arizona. With a location in Mesa and Phoenix, the company also offers contractors, homeowners and designers an extensive selection of specialty items such as natural stone sinks, fountains, baths, fireplaces, tables, pillars, windowsills, beautiful mosaics and more. [imperialwholesale.com](http://imperialwholesale.com).

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BEST CUSTOM HOMEBUILDER

>> BEDBROCK DEVELOPERS

Luxury custom homes and remodels by BedBrock Developers have adorned Arizona's affluent communities for over two decades. Whether European, Old World, Transitional or Contemporary in style, a BedBrock home is unique in appearance yet all homes share the same attention to detail and legendary craftsmanship built to last for generations. Rich Brock and his team of designers, craftsmen, artisans and suppliers is the premier builder in Arizona. [bedbrock.com](http://bedbrock.com).

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BEST LUXURY MANAGEMENT COMPANY

>>ALLIANCE RESIDENTIAL COMPANY

Alliance is a fully integrated multifamily real estate- operating company focused on the development, acquisition, construction and management of residential and mixed-use communities in the United States. Headquartered in Phoenix, Alliance has become one of the largest private apartment owners and the ninth largest management company in the nation, with a \$9-plus billion portfolio of 76,000 units in 29 metropolitan markets, including 40 communities in the Phoenix area. Founded in 2000, Alliance focuses on hiring best-in-class employees and providing a focused support platform, accentuated by ongoing investment in cutting-edge technology. [allresco.com](http://allresco.com).

2014 WINNER BEST RUG COMPANY

>>ARIZONA RUG COMPANY AND PASSION OF PERSIA

With 60,000-plus satisfied customers since its founding in 1993, the Scottsdale-based Arizona Rug Company team provides a wide variety of products and services, including rug sales, cleaning, repair, restoration, appraisals, padding and storage. Two large Valley locations utilize complete rack system displays for customers' convenient product viewing, including Modern and Contemporary, Southwest, traditional European, Persian, and Coastal styles as well as fun rugs, rugs for children and one-of-a-kind rugs. Under the guidance of master weaver, Nima Soltani, Passion of Persia offers high-end rugs as well as museum-quality hand-washing and repairs of all fine rugs and carpets. Founded in early 2000, the company services the nation from its Scottsdale location and offers warranties and guarantees. [arizonarug.com](http://arizonarug.com); [passionofpersia.com](http://passionofpersia.com).



2014 WINNER

BEST CUSTOM CABINETS

>>DISTINCTIVE CUSTOM CABINETRY

The Phoenix-based company provides outstanding custom cabinetry, all produced and installed by Distinctive employees. Founded in 2008, Distinctive can provide a total package of custom cabinetry, interior and exterior doors, closets and storage organization, ceiling beams, millwork and ironwork, for all projects from an elegant front entrance to a custom kitchen. A one-stop shop for builders where they can acquire many millwork products from one vendor, Distinctive empowers its employees to be involved with all decisions. [distinctivecc.com](http://distinctivecc.com).

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### BEST RUG COMPANY

>>AZADI FINE RUGS

In its locations that span the nation, from Scottsdale to Kona to Jackson Hole, AZADI Fine Rugs specializes in exquisite hand-woven area rugs. In fact, those in the market for new floor-wear have more than 10,000 choices at AZADI. [azadifinerugs.com](http://azadifinerugs.com).

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### BEST CONDO DEVELOPMENT

>>CHATEAU ON CENTRAL

On Central Avenue and Palm Lane, once known as "Millionaires Row" in Phoenix, Chateau on Central is the premier luxury urban living community in Phoenix, offering five-story brownstones, 5,192 to 8,252 square feet, with flexible floor plans, luxurious interiors, private elevators and live/work zoning. Open since 2010, the community is adjacent to the Willo Historic District and steps from the Heard Museum, Phoenix Art Museum, Viad Sculpture Garden and Margaret T. Hance Park and is close to the airport and downtown sports and entertainment facilities. [chateauoncentral.com](http://chateauoncentral.com).

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### BEST POOL COMPANY

>>MOSSMAN BROTHERS POOLS

The Mossman Brothers have more than 50 years of combined pool-building experience with which they use to make backyard paradises for their satisfied customers. In addition to swimming pools and spas, the talented team specializes in custom water features, stone deckings, fire features, masonry barbecues, pedestals and seat walls. [mossmanbrotherspools.com](http://mossmanbrotherspools.com).

### BEST DESIGN FIRM: STORE

>>FEATHERS FINE CUSTOM FURNISHINGS

Founded in 1994 by Dan and Claudia Levinson, Feathers custom designs and manufactures upholstery and casegoods onsite at its 23,000-sq.-ft. Scottsdale building, which also showcases 30 vignettes of design inspiration in all styles to enhance your home in the incredible desert Southwest. The store also offers its Feathers Signature Collection of custom-designed and custom-manufactured upholstery, casegoods, drapery and bedding and the Feathers Rustic Elegance Collection, handcrafted in Italy, and specially curated luxury accessories from around the world. [feathersdesign.com](http://feathersdesign.com).



### BEST HOME THEATER

>>DENNIS SAGE HOME ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

Lifestyles enhanced with electronics: Dennis Sage Home Entertainment designs, sells, installs and services low-voltage, high-quality products including audio, video, home theater, security systems, security monitoring, automation, structured wiring, networking and intercoms. Licensed for residential and commercial application, the company has 43 employees in Phoenix and Tucson and is listed at No. 42 in the top 100 CEPro companies in the United States. "We love what we do, and we believe in this great community," Sage says. "We give back as much as we are able to those less fortunate than we are." [dshe.net](http://dshe.net).

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## BEST APPLIANCE STORE

>>ALLSTATE APPLIANCES

Since 1970, the Arizona family- owned company has supplied household appliances from highline manufacturers like Bosch, Thermador, Gaggenau, Viking, Dacor, Miele, LG, Bertazzoni, Fhiaba, WoodStone, Electrolux, Frigidaire and more. In nine walk-in vignettes at the Scottsdale showroom, customers see, touch and try out appliances before purchase. Also scheduled weekly are live cooking demonstrations, including "Foodie Friday," in which manufacturers' chefs demonstrate their products by cooking lunch on the latest appliances. [allstateappliances.com](http://allstateappliances.com).

## BEST FURNITURE/HOME STORE: NATIONAL

>>ETHAN ALLEN

Honoring one of the heroes of the American Revolution, Ethan Allen is a leading interior design company and manufacturer and retailer of quality home furnishings with four locations in Arizona: Scottsdale, Tucson, Chandler and Glendale. Founded in 1932, Ethan Allen stores offer exclusive and eclectic fashions for the home as well as many ways to personalize your choices through fabrics, finishes and trims, along with the help of professional designers, whose services are, of course, always on the house. [ethanallen.com](http://ethanallen.com).

## BEST HOMEBUILDING COMPANY

>>180 DEGREES A DESIGN + BUILD COMPANY

Providing superlative residential and commercial construction and architectural design since 2001, the 15 associates at 180 degrees combine restraint, rigor, craftsmanship and patience to deliver their high artistry. As architects, their understanding of the philosophy behind essential design concepts gives their Phoenix-based firm a unique position to execute details based on natural conditions relating to site, energy and integration into the context where each project is being constructed. [180degreesinc.com](http://180degreesinc.com).

## BEST POOL COMPANY

>>RED ROCK CONTRACTORS AND RED ROCK POOLS & SPAS

Since 1998, the Mesa-based design build contractor has constructed high- end residential and commercial pools and landscapes as well as provided other construction services. The 16 employees collaborate to deliver large-scale projects through all phases, house, pool and landscaping, making the project seamless for the clients. Although not an architectural firm, the award-winning company has a complete in-house design team to work with architects and clients to complete the shop drawings, 3D renderings, structural engineering and detailing as well as construction. [buildredrock.com](http://buildredrock.com).

## AFM FAVE

## BEST CUSTOM CABINETS

>>AFFINITY KITCHENS

Since 1994, Affinity Kitchens has impressed clients with its award- winning design and craftsmanship— no matter how big or small the project. Best of all, a portion of each kitchen sold goes to support children around the world through the Global Family Program, a charity that helps provide education for underprivileged children in developing nations. [affinitykitchens.com](http://affinitykitchens.com).

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BEST MASTER-PLANNED COMMUNITY/DEVELOPMENT

>>ENCANTERRA COUNTRY CLUB

In the San Tan Valley, Encanterra Country Club offers two communities: the all-ages Encanterra Country Club, and Trilogy at Encanterra, the 55-plus neighborhood. Both communities offer complete access to the active lifestyle offerings and amenities available at the centrally located La Casa: The Club at Encanterra, a 60,000-plus-sq.-ft. Mediterranean-style country club with dining experiences, private golf, fitness areas, three pools, an expansive athletic club, the full-service Alvea Spa, and business center. And, Encanterra offers a full calendar of activity and social occasions, ensuring new friendships year round. [trilogylife.com/communities/Arizona/encanterra](http://trilogylife.com/communities/Arizona/encanterra).