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## PROJECT WATCH

Welcome to **Project Watch**, our new column devoted to keeping tabs on who's doing what in the design world. It's our way of giving you a sneak peek at what the competition is up to.

**C**elebrated mid-century and interior designer **Jeanine Adler** (333 Hudson Street, NYC 10013, 212-463-2993, [www.jeanineadler.com](http://www.jeanineadler.com)) completed his first commercial project **The Parker Palm Springs Hotel** (right). The 143-room property was formerly the Gare Aubrey Hotel in the '30s and then Mary Griffin's Givensby Resort and Spa before Adler's self-described "hippie chic" reinvention. His design concept: offer all of the luxuries and amenities of a star resort (the only one in town) sprinkled with "the feeling and comforts of your rich aunt's home in Palm Springs."

**From Charleston** (222 East 45th Street, Ste. 204, NYC 10013, 212-687-1333, [www.ecoproductions.com](http://www.ecoproductions.com)) recently completed an **18-acre estate** in Hill Neck, NY, including the design of the home, indoor and outdoor pools, pool house and other living areas. A former Vanderbilt property, the estate residence overlooks the Long Island sound. **Upcoming projects:** several restorations of traditional interiors including a large **Fifth Avenue apartment** on 87th Street, a **large frame home** overlooking the water in Sands Point, NY, and a **home on Round Hill Road** in Greenwich, CT.

A recent project for **Solo Cobble Design** (87 Madison Avenue, NYC 10017, 212-332-8500, [www.solocon.com](http://www.solocon.com)) involved transforming a traditional Park Avenue apartment into an **install showcase** for the client's extensive art collection. A clean, pale palette, carefully planned lighting and Furby and Issey Miyake silk-inspired fabrics were choreographed to make the artwork pop. **Upcoming projects:** a seven-story Upper East Side townhouse that will marry modern elegance and Hollywood glamor.

**Christopher Coleman** (55 Washington Street, Ste. 202 Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-232-8946, [corderiodesign.com](http://corderiodesign.com)) describes his design of an expansive apartment in the **Time Warner building** as a "giggling house of color in the sky." Another recent project for Coleman was a sleek **South Beach townhouse** featuring a noteworthy art collection. **Upcoming projects:** a modern family house on Martha's Vineyard featuring a guest house and inside squash courts.

**Benji Steinbach Architects** (30 West 19th Street, 4th, NYC 10011, 212-697-8692) recently completed **three Manhattan apartments**, a traditional classic six for a young family on the Upper West Side, another Upper West Side apartment featuring an eclectic mix of traditional and 20th-century furnishings, and a 8,000-square-foot contemporary Upper East Side duplex. **Upcoming projects:** a 12,000-square-foot French villa-style weekend home in Gougues, NY, and a seaside house in New Jersey which will combine two separate cottages and unify them in an English country style.

**Laura Rivkin Tru Design** (681 Broadway, Suite 810, NYC 10002, 212-232-9306, [www.truedesign.com](http://www.truedesign.com)) has launched **TruDESIGNs**, a "ready to wear" division. Clients receive their fast, fun and affordable design concepts in a box customized to their individual needs. Principal **Laura Rivkin** also recently completed an **8,000-square-foot interior** for a young family in Bayside, NJ.

The international design firm **Gensler** (One Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 900, NYC 10020; 46 Wolf Street, Suite 900, NYC 10010; 212-492-1400, [www.gensler.com](http://www.gensler.com)) recently wrapped up two New York-based projects: the new 300,000-square-foot headquarters of **HIP Health Plan of New York** and a new state-of-the-art work environment for the intellectual property law firm **Morgan & Finnegan**. **Upcoming projects:** the interiors of the new 800,000-square-foot headquarters of **The New York Times** building, the interiors of the new 12 million-square-foot office building for **Bank One of**



**America at One Bryant Park**, the new terminal 3 for **JetBlue** at JFK International Airport, a new 3,000-square-foot University Gateway and Information Center at **New York University** and a 60,000-square-foot New York office for **DirectTV**.

**Glenn Lawrence** (122 East 57th Street, NYC 10022, 212-319-3003, [glennlawson.com](http://glennlawson.com)) designed the **ambassy suite** for the **Ambassador to the United Nations** at the landmark Waldorf Towers. The project encompasses a double-sized living room with 18-foot ceilings, a dining room that accommodates 40, a bar/lounge, 1 bedrooms and a state room. **Upcoming projects:** updating an entire estate property in Southampton; building a **guest house with a Southeast Asian sensibility** for a client in Pound Ridge, NY, and launching a **red ribbon service** to provide instant and quick-ship items for clients who require a fast decorating turn-around.

**Beth Robinson** (2 Bowtie Court, Middletown, NJ 07948, 732-671-5477) recently designed several residential interiors including an **8-room apartment** decorated with French and English antiques at the San Remo on **Central Park West**, a **10-room apartment** also on CPW featuring country and French antiques and a **6,000-square-foot home** inspired by the styles of the '30s and '20s. **Upcoming projects:** a 4-room Manhattan apartment combining contemporary and Deco styles and a home in Deal, NJ.

**Jon Otto**, principal of **Object Inc.** (292 Seventh Avenue, Suite 100, NYC 10001, 212-251-0308, [www.objectinc.com](http://www.objectinc.com)) devoted his talents to the completion of a **1,800-square-foot residence** on West 71st Street, the design of the **23th Anniversary Straphangers Campaign Exhibition** at the Municipal Art Society and a **new watch design** for the Acme Studio Collection. **Upcoming projects:** a trade show exhibit for **Wolf Gordon Wallcoverings**, trade show projects with **George Little Management** and a light fixture design for **Artemide/Ron Rook Lighting**.

**Irvin Weiner** (197 Lexington Ave., NYC 10029, 212-308-2335, [www.irvinweiner.com](http://www.irvinweiner.com)) recently paid the finishing touches on the **master suite** for the **business manager of Skanska Tulsa**. Weiner chose a color palette of blue-green and creams for the bedroom. The remainder of the home is scheduled for completion by mid-2005. **Upcoming projects:** the designer is working on his **own country house**, a "turn-of-the-last-century" farmhouse in Bucks County, PA.

If you would like to be listed in our next Project Watch, contact Frank Sampieri at [frank@arraymag.com](mailto:frank@arraymag.com) or call 212-699-2735.

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