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Laura Kirar
New York, NY

Multitasking is certainly not a foreign notion to Laura Kirar. As the 33-year-old owner and design director of TRU—

rebranding for the Starwood hotel chain, to Kirar's own lines of furniture, lighting, and upholstered furniture.

A graduate of the school of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she studied

a New York firm whose letterhead reads "ideas, design, furniture, interiors"—she has established a creative think tank that tackles projects incorporating all of those disciplines. They range from a minimalist boutique for sportswear designer Jenne Maag in New York to a global image

sculpture and interior architecture, Kirar worked as a furniture designer at the Holly Hunt Design Studio in Chicago, where she discovered the world of interior design. After a stint with Polo Ralph Lauren in New York, where she designed stemware and flatware, she ended up in the office of Jed Johnson Associates: "Jed was a mentor to me—all of his work has an element of such timelessness and attention to detail. I learned a lot from him."

An inveterate antiques shopper, Kirar and her husband's collections include Japanese antiques and Wiener Werkstätte glass.

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