

Designers Look Toward the Future in Uncertain Times



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While the news about the COVID-19 pandemic continues to develop minute-by-minute, in some ways many of us are in a holding pattern: working from home, washing our hands, thinking about the future while managing our present personal and professional responsibilities. In efforts to stay as connected as ever, *Interior Design* continues traveling around the world via phone, Skype, and email to check in with members of the global design community.

This crisis affects everyone, from small local businesses to those reliant on global production and sourcing.

—Cindy Allen

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Editor's note: This story is the second installment in a series of conversations with designers, industry leaders, and architects around the globe, examining how our community is staying connected, inspired, and proactive about solutions during the current pandemic.



Good news from our office: We are all healthy, working from home, and staying connected with our clients. For European clients we expect a delay on construction sites from six-to-12 months.

And good news from China: Some production sites are working at full speed. We are intensely working on new projects. Only in the construction business is there a small delay. Apparently, China has faster reaction times due to [past experience with] the SARS experience, etc.

For us, our architecture business is mainly concentrated on hospitality and hospitals. From now on we will focus even more on hospitals, senior homes, and healthy living formulas. As for our industries, our IT should work on more simple, easier, and better technology for conference calls.

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—Matteo Thun