

RAFAEL DE CÁRDENAS

DESIGNING FOR NOW:
ARCHITECT AT LARGE



MAISON&OBJECT AMERICAS HAS NAMED NEW YORK-BASED ARCHITECT AND DESIGNER RAFAEL DE CÁRDENAS AS DESIGNER OF THE YEAR 2016.

"We favor the strategic over the thematic, the cosmopolitan over the typological, and the atmospheric over the static, ever focused on the contemporary, we take diligent note of the past while day-dreaming the future." Rafael de Cárdenas

Providing an ambitious contextual framework, this award is an integral part of the core values of MAISON&OBJET. Whether in Paris, Singapore or Miami the Designers of the Year are of vital importance in vehicling cultural significance and innovative expertise to the show.



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Johnson Trading
Gallery Furniture
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Numerous creatives from Zaha Hadid, Tom Dixon, Karl Lagerfeld and Starck, while considering at present André Fu, M&O Asia Designer of the Year 2016, and Ilse Crawford for the Paris show in September. These creators synergize the MAISON&OBJET platform.

This year New York-based designer Rafael de Cárdenas was chosen by a committee of global design specialists. His transdisciplinary practice spans from commercial and residential spaces to objects and furniture, synthesizing major trends, and imbues 1980s' urban America. His neo-postmodern style and personal signature spring from a comprehensive creative path: painting and fashion design studies at the Rhode Island School of Design (RSID), a degree in architecture from Columbia, then UCLA. In 2006 he founded his multi-disciplinary studio, Architecture At Large (AAL).

The firm quickly surfaced as part of the conceptual design avant-garde, attracting prestigious clients such as Cartier, Nike, Cappellini, the jeweler Delfina Delettrez, and the Manhattan restaurant Asia de Cuba. The designer cites his influences as the pioneers of Art Deco, the Prairie School of architecture and the Memphis Group. He is also a passionate contemporary art collector, and advisor.



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- Nike + 45 Grand
- ↓ Asia de Cuba



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