

Eternal style

Charu Gandhi, founder and director of interior design studio Elicyon, reveals 2018's key interior trends

They're the interior design firm that are the go-to for those with a passion for art and design, transforming everything from hundred-million-pound penthouse apartments at One Hyde Park to five-star hotels all over the world. So, you can imagine that London-based Elicyon's research methods are client-focused and highly specialised.

"At Elicyon we see ourselves as lifestyle curators as well as designers," says director Charu Gandhi. "We stock fridges with favourite delicacies, assemble linen and tableware, and design bespoke cool cabinets to hold preferred champagnes." It's this attention to detail that's driving a key interior trend – personalisation.

The design team are frequently asked for bespoke monogramming in clients' homes, on linen, joinery and tableware. They travel all over the world to secure artworks by the likes of Antony Gormley and Joan Miró for their clients, as well as negotiating

kitchen-counter stone from Italian quarries – they've even been asked back to put up the Christmas tree.

This concierge-style design service is what sets Elicyon apart – whether it's ordering ancient wood from Canadian forests for shelving, or filling it with books curated especially for them. "Some of the most important work we do is ensuring that our creations align perfectly with the lifestyles of our clients," says Gandhi.

So, what are 2018's trends? Artful floral displays reflecting a client's personality is one new creative touch. "Flowers are the new art," reveals Gandhi. The already mentioned curation of personalised collections – items such as books or crystal – is also an increasingly popular request.

Finally, there is a vogue for textured metal work in lighting fixtures, along with installations featuring rock crystal, alabaster and natural materials.

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Elicyon specialises in curating personalised collections for clients, from books to works of art

