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The VL50 represents the *creative talent* raising the bar and shaping — or shaking up — the Australian design industry. This year, the occasion will be *celebrated* with an awards CEREMONY presented by Mobilia.

Selected for their impact on the current design landscape and the unwavering pursuit of their *vision*, they are the LEADERS in their field, the stars on the ascent and the names ingrained in our *imagination*.

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STYLE PHILOSOPHY For interior designer Alexandra Ponting, beauty and comfort can, and should, co-exist effortlessly. Whether designing a private home or flagship boutique, her style is spatially minimal and tactile in materiality with a romantic undertone, and Ponting says she balances “strength in foundations and detail... and charm through art and decor”. **2023 IN FOCUS** Three Sydney residential projects shine through: Federation House, Terresford House and Arts & Crafts House. **UP NEXT** The studio has several new builds in the pipeline in collaboration with architecture firms.



AP DESIGN HOUSE
Sydney



STUDIO DOHERTY
Melbourne

STYLE PHILOSOPHY What defines Decus founder Alexandra Donohoe Church’s style? “Intuition,” she says. “It’s more interesting for designers to have parameters that breathe, flex and stretch from project to project, and we may evolve away from this approach... who knows?” Her own desire is for spaces imbued with the quirks, qualities and possessions that make it feel at home. **2023 IN FOCUS** A penthouse overlooking Bondi Beach, the reinvention of a modernist house amid Sydney parklands and a new beachfront abode in Cottesloe, Western Australia. **UP NEXT** Donohoe Church remains tight-lipped about the studio’s upcoming projects but hints at “overseas adventures”.

DECUS
Sydney



STYLE PHILOSOPHY Alive with colour and character, the bold homes and contemporary commercial spaces designed by Mardi Doherty and her team are highly functional, resolved, innovative and unafraid of making an impact. “Our style is informed by our values — we are an inclusive studio that fosters collective creativity and champions the power of imagination,” says Doherty. **2023 IN FOCUS** Leonard Joel auction house’s new offices and gallery spaces in Melbourne were a highlight. **UP NEXT** Residential projects are in development, including a collaboration with Rob Kennon Architects and Myles Baldwin Design. On a smaller scale, the studio is designing an airstream caravan interior.