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**BOYLE**

**D**esigner Cristina Dos Santos was born in Lisbon, Portugal. Her style is imbued with a distinctly European flair, crammed full of modern American influences. It is this wonderful combination that infuses every project she takes on.

Dos Santos, who is whipper thin, ever chic and bien soignée says, “I was drawn to architecture from the time I was a child. We traveled often, to Brazil and throughout Europe, and as the youngest of three children, I was looking, always looking at the buildings and what went inside of them.” After studying architectural design at Ryerson University in Toronto, Dos Santos was immediately hired at the famed design emporium, ABC Carpet. Here she gleaned many ideas and mined the fertile fields of famous designers who worked and shopped at ABC.

Dos Santos has been a downtown fixture since arriving in NYC. In 1996, she left ABC and launched out, opening her own eponymous store on North Moore Street.

“The store has become my own personal treasure trove. I am always hunting for the best, and it allows me to show, not tell, my style. When potential clients come into the store, Lucy, my Shih Tzu puppy, may meet them and then they see the wealth of textiles, ceramics and furnishing that warm my spirit. They know that I will treat their homes with the same vibrant excitement.”

Dos Santos’ current project is designing, with architect of record Wallace Cunningham, the famous Razor Residence in La Jolla California. The home is constructed of polished concrete with floor-to-ceiling glass; all 11,000 square feet of which appears to hang over the cliff commanding views of sky, sea and the Torrey Pines Reserve. Dos Santos is charged by her client to create a warmth and livability within the open great rooms, 5 bedrooms, 7 baths and guesthouse. Dos Santos met the client through a previous renovation in SoHo.

Dos Santos brings with her a wealth of experience, which ranges from designing an uber-American farmhouse in upstate New York to a dream home on Nantucket shores to modernist design assignment mainly downtown NY city. Clients find her imagination to be fertile and her sensibilities to be honed to a razor’s edge. The results are always stunning.

