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# Robb Report

## How Should We Live Now?

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for the post-pandemic home*

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## Enter Anew Elliott Barnes

ELLIOTT BARNES INTERIORS

➤ “Interior design in a post-Covid-19 society will emphasize the transition from outside to inside,” says Barnes, a Parisian designer, “from a precarious environment to one which is stable.”

“No longer will the entry be simply a place to say hello or goodbye,” he continues. “It will also be where traces of the exterior are removed before entering a living space.”

Barnes finds inspiration internationally. “Remember the Italian palazzi, which use the *piano rustico* as a filter before moving up to the *piano nobile*. Consider Japanese houses, where shoes are changed for *uwabaki* [slippers] in an entry hall, or the place of a door which isolates the entry from the living space.”

“I could imagine an unencumbered stone-covered space, punctuated by a hand fountain and *oshibori* [towels]. I would complement this with house shoes and elegant reception robes to replace an exterior garment, before stepping up to the soft and velvet calm in the living area.”

## A Serene Sleep Pierre Yovanovitch

➤ “As we’ve learned from the pandemic, it’s important not to neglect our daily surroundings, as we never know when we’ll be confined to them,” says Yovanovitch, an interior designer with offices in New York and Paris. “So even as businesses begin to reopen and people return to their day-to-day work life, I do think that there’s an emphasis now on how our interiors influence our daily lives.”

“A focus on craftsmanship and natural, long-lasting materials comes into play as a part of this,” he continues. “Particularly in an era when mass production in design is ubiquitous, I believe people are increasingly seeing the value in being thoughtful about what materials they choose to live with. In the example of the bedroom, using high-quality, natural materials and earth tones creates a space that is relaxing.”

