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Barbara and Richard Mullen settle in.

# Mullen It Over

Designers **Richard** and **Barbara Mullen** treat their Aspen clientele with a warm, sophisticated approach. BY EVE GLOVER

WHEN IT COMES TO CUSTOM DESIGNING THE LUXURIOUS INTERIORS OF SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST ELITE HOMES AND HOTELS, the husband-and-wife team of Richard and Barbara Mullen is the power couple to turn to. Richard, an interior architect, and Barbara, an interior designer, are the renowned founders of Poss Interior Design, a division of the famed Aspen-based company Poss Architecture and Planning.

The two met while working in Texas, where they collaborated on the Hilton-Americas Houston. Prior to joining the Poss team, Richard helped to design the stunning Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch in Avon, Colorado. Currently,

the Mullens are redoing 179 guest rooms at the prestigious St. Regis, Aspen hotel as they also design the interiors of its new 15,000-square-foot spa. Barbara is focusing on carpeting, bedding, drapery, and furniture. According to Richard, the new St. Regis, Aspen (expected to be completed this winter) will be “more upbeat and more updated, with cleaner lines.” It will be the epitome of what he refers to as “mountain elegance.”

In addition to this project, the Mullens have also designed the interiors of exquisite homes throughout Aspen and in the exclusive Starwood community. “We try not to have a signature style,” explains Richard. “We design and cater to

the desires of our clients.”

“In the past two years,” says Barbara, “we went from doing a very contemporary home to a very traditional home.”

Although eclectic and varied, the Mullens' style is consistently worldly, elegant, and inviting. Their use of rich materials in details such as fireplaces, paneling, and floors evoke the kind of warmth that the Mullens reserve for the wonderful clients they work with.

“People spend their lives making fortunes, and they get to spend it on their dream homes,” says Richard. “They're coming off the ski slopes very happy.” [AP]