

## Best Restaurant Design

Coeval Studio

The Rustic, Happiest Hour, Quill, Whistle Britches, El Bolero—the list of successful Dallas restaurants designed by Coeval Studio, led by creative directors John Paul Valverde and Miguel Vicéns, goes on and on. The duo offers a cohesive package to stylish restaurateurs, including architectural and space design, interior design, branding, graphic design and more—all in-house. Their latest vision is STIRR, a popular cocktail, lunch and dinner concept in Deep Ellum. “The mix of raw, natural finishes, exotic marble, and details in the bench seating and lighting all come together to define the concept and execute our vision of refined casual,” Valverde says. Playing with different textures—whether combining wood and tile in different patterns on the floor or mixing different lighting styles—is an *au courant* Coeval move. The team’s biggest do and don’t? Do incorporate focal areas with communal tables that grab attention and create comfortable gathering areas for guests, but definitely don’t think only about the guest. “Operations must be part of the design development,” Vicéns explains. “Function, form and operation must all work together. This helps with overall efficiency, which in turn adds to the guest experience.”  
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**FINE DINING**  
From top: STIRR in Deep Ellum and Quill in the Design District, two Dallas hot spots designed by Coeval Studio



**HOME MAKEOVER** Bodron+Fruit meticulously restored this 1964 Dallas house designed by architect Philip Johnson.



## BEST INTERIOR DESIGN FIRM, CONTEMPORARY

**Bodron+Fruit**

“It’s not about the furniture,” says Mil Bodron, co-principal in the interior design and architecture firm Bodron+Fruit. The designer is committed to creating interiors that are first and foremost about scale, proportion and composition—which is why his and architect Svend Fruit’s projects are virtuosic tutorials in how to make a house and its interiors seamlessly stunning. The pair is responsible for the renovation of an honor roll of midcentury houses designed by some of the country’s greatest architects, including Frank Lloyd Wright, Edward Larrabee Barnes and Philip Johnson. Bodron+Fruit’s new construction projects reflect the same meticulous attention to detail, nuance and restraint that it elicits from its renovations. The firm also has a no-nonsense approach to displaying art: “It’s about the architecture and the art,” says Bodron. “The interiors should be beautiful and respectful to both.” 4040 N. Central Expressway, Ste. 150, 214.826.5200, [bodronfruit.com](http://bodronfruit.com)