

Katie Bigart

GLOBAL HOSPITALITY DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT LEADER

Hospitality interior designer with over 15 years across luxury hotels, restaurants, members clubs, and residential development, with Roman and Williams, Tihany Design, Pierre-Yves Rochon, and The KRE Group. A specialist in custom FF&E and layered materiality, and a bridge between creative vision and operational reality, from concept through construction and final photography.

EXPERIENCE

2022 — Present

The KRE Group — Jersey City, NJ

Director of Interior Design

Recruited to bring a hospitality focus to the vertically integrated developer's internal design team, directing all interior design scopes across six active new developments and 24 existing properties. Developed new hospitality-driven interior standards for the portfolio and was a leader in shaping the physical expression of Northern Chapter, the company's new residential brand, instrumental in its brand narratives and overall vision. Creative director for all interiors, with strategic oversight of landscape, brand and signage, core architecture, and operations, from proforma through professional photography.

2021 — 2022

Foster Supply Hospitality — Catskills, NY

Head of Interior Design

Spearheaded in-house design scopes for the boutique Catskills hotelier, working directly with ownership, operations, marketing, and construction. Led design for 12 new-construction luxury bungalows at the historic Kenoza Hall, and oversaw capital-improvement projects across a portfolio of six boutique hotels.

2020

Related Companies — New York, NY

Project Manager, Interiors — Design & Construction

Part of the hospitality ownership design team for Equinox Hotels, managing full interior design scopes for three active new-construction hotel projects (RFPs, contracts, budgets, and consultant coordination) in partnership with the in-house brand team.

2018 — 2019

Home Studios — New York, NY

Senior Interior Designer

Led the overall design vision and managed interior design scopes for five hospitality projects: a large-scale restaurant concept in a historic factory, two ground-up hotels, a hotel renovation, and two restaurants, carrying each from concept moodboards through final design documentation.

2016 — 2018

Roman and Williams — New York, NY

Studio Director of FF&E, Senior Interior Designer

Selected projects: Aoyama Building and "Treehouse," Tokyo, leading all FF&E for the mixed-use building and the private members club within it, from one-of-a-kind custom furniture to custom building finishes; Tampa Edition Hotel, Tampa, leading the FF&E and materiality scopes for all public areas and model units; The Love Restaurant, Philadelphia, as FF&E lead for the Stephen Starr restaurant from concept through construction administration; Virgin Voyages, Trieste, carrying five F&B spaces aboard the inaugural luxury cruise liner from design development through construction documents, with over forty pieces of custom furniture.

2015 — 2016

Tihany Design — New York, NY

Interior Designer

Selected projects: The Breakers Hotel, Palm Beach, responsibilities included managing the end-to-end FF&E process, encompassing initial concepts, documentation, prototype evaluations, installation, and styling for the featured model guestroom, alongside creating rendered elevations, finalizing design packages, and directing 3D rendering efforts; Four Seasons Dubai, executed the materiality and FF&E design vision from DD phases through to prototype review for all public spaces, guestrooms and suites.

2012 — 2015

Pierre-Yves Rochon — Chicago, IL

Project Designer

Selected projects: Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain, and The Ritz-Carlton Tianjin, China, leading technical and FF&E coordination across Paris- and Chicago-based teams with onsite client support.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Interior Design

Syracuse University — College of Visual and Performing Arts (CIDA accredited)

SKILLS

Design & Creative

Creative Direction · Concept Design · Space Planning · FF&E Design · Material & Finish Palettes · Staging & Styling · Photography Creative Direction · Brand Design

Delivery & Technical

Technical Drawing Review · Construction Administration · Design Documentation · Mock-up & Prototype Review · Custom Furniture Design · Design Standards Development

Leadership & Commercial

Design Team Leadership · Consultant RFPs & Hiring · Contract Negotiation & Review · Bid Leveling · Budgets & Proformas · Brand, Operations & Construction Collaboration