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## WADIA ASSOCIATES

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When Dinyar Wadia opened his own firm, his first project was a modern home. He went to the bank to get a loan and the bank manager rejected his application, telling him that if, instead, he came back with a colonial home design, he'd give him the money for the project. That's exactly what Wadia did, and his business is still growing more than 30 years later, focused on custom architecture projects big and small, from kitchen renovations to home design and construction. Wadia likes to say the firm's work is traditional architecture that is contemporary in the modern world. The group has since earned a Palladio Award for Excellence in Traditional Residential Architecture and was thrice named on the *New York Spaces* list of "50 Names You Need to Know in Metro New York Design." This year, the firm was one of just two Connecticut architects listed.

"Having a house designed is like tailoring a suit," says Wadia. "You have to ask questions. A house is an extension of a family or a person." With that philosophy at its core, the company not only handles architectural design, but also works as a construction company and interior design firm. That combination allows Wadia to handle a project from the ground up, integrating the interiors and a corresponding electrical plan as the rooms are first being mapped out. "There's no finger pointing and that saves the client money," he says. The design process starts with questions on style, budget and lifestyle. "It's really about listening to the client," says Wadia. "We ask them to go back and measure the rooms in their current house and then come back and think about what they want in the new house."

**Featured Project:** Central Park West apartment renovation

This page: Originally there was a step along the wall below the windows. To make the space more useful, the architects at Wadia created a bench seat. Opposite page: While designers at Wadia used a textured wallpaper in the entrance hall, the paint color below the baseboard matches the wall in the dining room to create continuity.

