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Manhattan transfer

Patrick Gallagher is the latest international designer to establish a presence in Dubai. SHALAKA PARADKAR meets him to find out more

Patrick Gallagher has many strings to his bow. A graduate of the prestigious Fashion Institute of Technology, New York City, Gallagher started out as an independent design consultant providing art direction and styling services. He then moved on

to become director of visual merchandising for F Schumacher & Company where he designed the company's first furniture collection as well as developed an antiques and accessories collection. In 1993, he established his own design firm, Patrick Gallagher Decoratives & Design (PG

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DS&D). Gallagher has now decided to bring his brand of classical design to the Middle East, by launching a Dubai office. "Dubai popped up on my radar about a year ago when I saw a magazine spread of a home in Dubai. Although it was architecturally stunning, the interiors left a lot to

be desired," Gallagher reminisces, adding, "I realised there were brilliant interior design happening in hotels and other commercial spaces, however, there was a definite gap in the market when it came to residential interior design."