

Portugal



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Porto



Fashioning solid wood into beautiful shapes requires skill and a good eye. Porto-based spss Design Studio has turned the profession into an art form and prominent creatives regularly call on its services. “Translating an architect’s sketches for interiors and furnishings into reality is often a collaborative process as they come and discuss ideas,” says Pedro Simões who, with his sister Helena (*both pictured*), represents the fifth generation of the family business. One of the firm’s best-known projects is the interior of the Siza-designed restaurant Casa de Chá da Boa Nova (*see page 41*), a restaurant near Porto boasting stunning seating in Afzelia hardwood.
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Lisbon



Joana Astolfi combined her training as an architect and designer with a passion for the visual arts when she established her studio in 2009. The creative atelier offers its clients everything from tailor-made interiors, both residential and commercial, to product design and imaginative window displays (the studio is responsible for several campaigns for Hermès). While Astolfi started solo, the company now relies on a small team comprising artists, architects, woodcarvers, welders and glassmakers. The studio’s projects have included interiors for Claus Porto (*see page 90*), A Padaria Portuguesa and Lisbon’s Park bar to art direction for L’Oréal.
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