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Babette Hayes, OAM

After establishing her name as a designer/stylist in interiors magazines in the 1960s, Babette launched Babette Hayes Design in 1972, taking on projects from large residential jobs to helping empty-nesters downsize to restaurants and display homes. She carried on writing, publishing 14 books and articles for Belle, Australian House & Garden and Vogue Living, inspiring legions of home decorators and future designers. Babette believes passionately that a home should be a true reflection of its owners, always uplifting, beautiful, peaceful and exciting – all qualities that come with a coherent design approach. "Designing a home is about enjoying and exploring possibilities and especially having fun".

ONES TO WATCH
**Katy Soalbe &
Yasmine Ghoniem**
Amber Road

Born and educated on opposite sides of the globe, sisters Katy (left) and Yasmine reunited in Sydney in 2011 to collaborate on a major design project. Amber Road was launched a year later and draws on their backgrounds in landscape architecture, interior design, music and art to create practical, intelligent and playful design solutions. The community-minded duo are driven to create holistic, cost-effective shared living spaces that singles, couples, friends and family like to call home. ▶

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