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namechecks
the new
movers and
shakers who
build for the
future on
Italy's
good name

1. Studio Elastico

CONTACT: via Camporelle 50, Cambiano, Turin, tel. 39 011 945 7219
BACKGROUND: Established in Turin in 1995 by Alberto Del Maschio, Simone Carena and Stefano Pujatti.
STYLE: 'Elastico means flexibility, keeping an open mind while everything tends to be rigid,' says the trio.
KEY PROJECT: Toni's House in Pordenone, Italy. Built on an existing 1970s building, Elastico put a pool on the roof.
INSPIRATION: 'One way to design is to use paradox, irony and contradiction - we propose silly solutions, we laugh, and get serious, tell each other we are idiots - so by the time we meet the client we have a strong argument.'
WHAT'S NEXT: A 'guppia ranch house' and a 'cemetery for the living' near Turin.

2. Ufficio di Architettura (UDA)

CONTACT: via Giuseppe Arca, Turin, tel. 39 011 945 7219
BACKGROUND: Established in Turin in 1997 by Alberto Del Maschio, Simone Carena and Stefano Pujatti. The firm's work is characterized by a strong sense of social responsibility and a commitment to sustainable architecture.
STYLE: 'We believe in a design that is not only functional but also socially responsible. We work with clients to create spaces that are both beautiful and useful.'
KEY PROJECT: The Torre House in Turin, designed with the idea of creating a new urban environment, adjacent to the existing building.
INSPIRATION: 'We are inspired by the work of architects like Le Corbusier and Mies van der Rohe, who were pioneers in the use of concrete and steel.'
WHAT'S NEXT: A 'guppia ranch house' and a 'cemetery for the living' near Turin.

3. Studio De Echer

CONTACT: via Palazzo 20, Milano, Veneto, tel. 39 0423 571941
BACKGROUND: Established in 1994 with a focus on architectural design, Studio De Echer has a strong reputation for its work in the Veneto region.
STYLE: 'We work with a focus on the environment, creating spaces that are both functional and beautiful.'
KEY PROJECT: The Torre House in Turin, designed with the idea of creating a new urban environment, adjacent to the existing building.
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4. Antonio Citterio and Partners

CONTACT: via Cernaia 4, 20144 Milano, tel. 39 02 574911
BACKGROUND: Founded in 1967 by Antonio Citterio, the firm has a long history of working with clients to create spaces that are both functional and beautiful.
STYLE: 'We work with a focus on the environment, creating spaces that are both functional and beautiful.'
KEY PROJECT: The Torre House in Turin, designed with the idea of creating a new urban environment, adjacent to the existing building.
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5. Open Building Research

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