
General Features of Modern Staircases in Contemporary Interior Architecture

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Abstract

Staircases play a key and functional role in buildings as a means of moving around between floors and levels. Furthermore, staircases have been seen as an important element for interior design since the beginning of time. Architecture and interior design have also kept abreast of different trends of designs, technical innovations and executive and economic capabilities throughout the ages. By the end of the 20th century and towards the beginning of the 21st century, new classifications, forms and names of staircases emerged as a result of specialized industry, in that field, by a huge number of companies, all over the developed world, which are specialized in making and marketing interior stairways as an independent element, although this process was done differently by independent craftsmen in the past. New raw materials, modern technologies, financial capabilities, and the contemporary accumulation of aesthetic and designing experiences have also taken part in developing staircases. These factors made of staircases a topic for research and structural competitions where designers race to create and generate breathtaking and outstanding forms of staircases.

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