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LIGHT IN AUGUST



"YOU WON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND THE HOUSE," THE WONDERFUL caretaker told me when I arrived at dusk on the Greek island of Sifnos, "until the morning." The sunrise woke me, streaming through the bedroom window. That light followed me around all day. "It's in the east, from Dekos," was how its calming effect on me was explained, the magic of that ancient site mutually understood. "Mrs. Sarantidis designed the whole house around it." Malvina Sarantidis, owner of Malvez Interiors, is a friend who invited me to stay at this quaint house high above Chrysopigi. I came to Sifnos for the food—lunch at Cantina, dinners at Omega3 and Pellicanos, a feast at Tsipis Taverna after an afternoon swim—but I will return for the light. You can too. The house is now available for rent. DM @malvez... for the details!

This issue of ELLE DECOR offers tours inside other homes that provide refuge and escape. We take you to Cortina d'Ampezzo, Vienna, Miami, Vermont, Montana, and a new movie palace in Paris. We also, as we enter a new year, debut a column that will be the closing chapter of every issue. We are calling it Biography of a Room, a chronicle of the many lives lived within four walls. Every room has stories to tell. We begin with the studio of ELLE DECOR A-List designer Alfredo Paredes, an iconic New York space that was once the home of Isabel and Rufus Toledo. Those, as they say, are good vibes. Let's take them into 2025 together, shall we? ■



The Manhattan studio of Alfredo Paredes, ABOVE, A house on Sifnos designed by Malvina Sarantidis of Malvez Interiors

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