

Cristina Villalón

Co-Founder & Lead Interior Designer
Álvarez-Díaz & Villalón

Oh how our ingénues have evolved! At the center of a world covered in cement and steel, a feisty female makes waves in an elaborate scheme to break all the molds. In the modern oeuvre of home designers that create beauty out of void, emptiness and cold practicality, Cristina Villalón begs the question: "Why not do this instead?"

Villalón is nobody's damsel in distress. With the *bon mot* of a classy, well-raised young lady, she breathes in securely as she pauses for thought, suddenly smiling and discharging a discourse on environmental correctness in design that accommodates to clients' needs even if the clients are unaware of such needs—which by the end of Villalón's speech, clients recognize as their own never-before-revealed raw desire. Like it or not, she will cast a spell by simply uttering the right words and making one understand that "it simply must be done this way."

Villalón works as business partner with her husband, Ricardo Álvarez Díaz, a brilliant architect on his own merits. Not only has she been recognized as a force to contend with in the industry, she has received accolades and awards for her work as well. As if the island is not big enough to hold so much talent, Villalón and her team at AD&V have expanded beyond, taking advantage of Act 22, which offers the opportunity to beneficially export local services abroad.

So the ingénue is dead. Long live the queen of interior design! Villalón is too classy and smart to ever impose her style on any project; she instead listens to her clients, identifies the key points and then, working as a team with the clients, a design is born to fit those points. What stands out is her expertise and what her talent brings to every project. AD&V is world renowned for its work in architecture, interior design and green initiatives. Stepping into any of Villalón's designs is like walking into the looking mirror and entering a lifetime experience of joy and fulfillment.

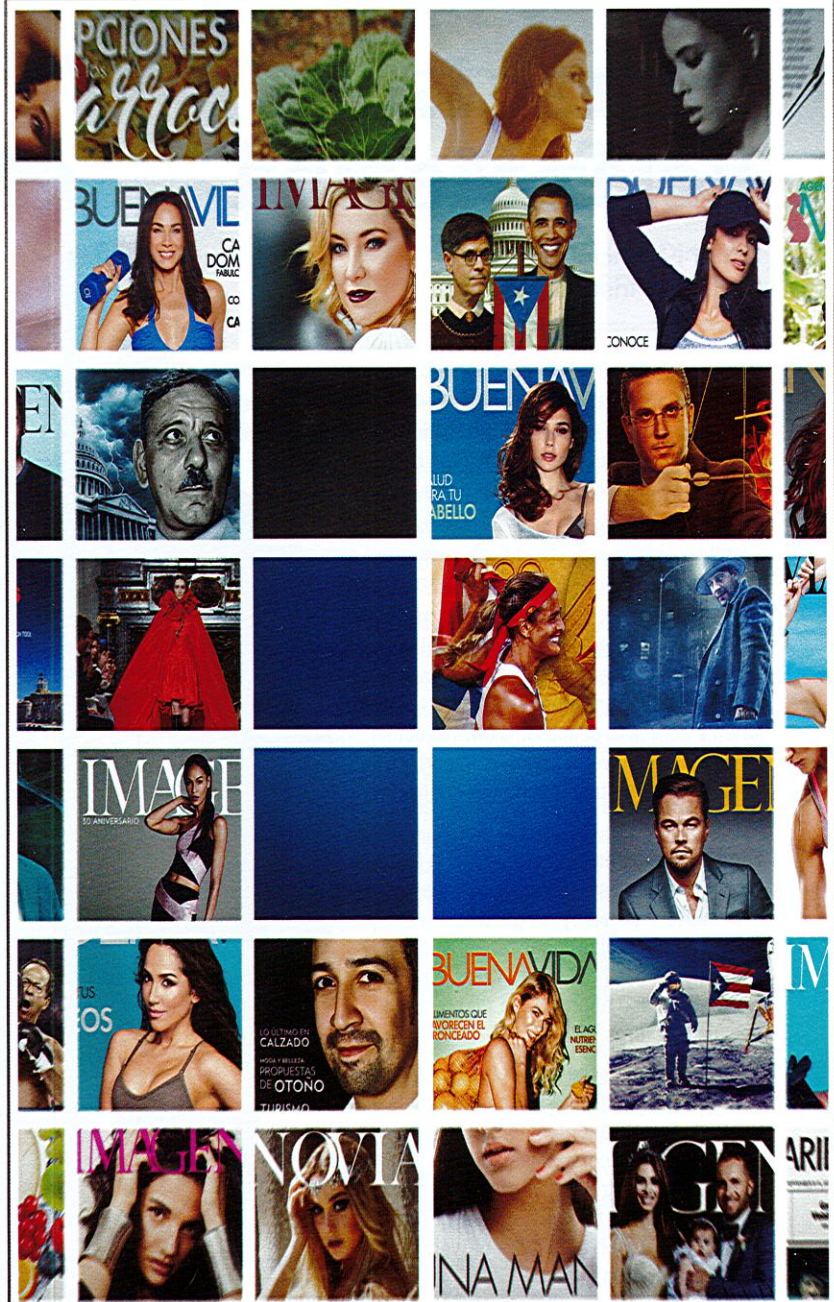


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Full name: Cristina Villalón
Date of birth: November 29, 1977
Place of birth: San Juan
Marital status: Married; children: 3 girls, Andie, Ella Sophia, Nicole
Favorite food/restaurant: Pizza
Favorite beverage: Cuba Libre

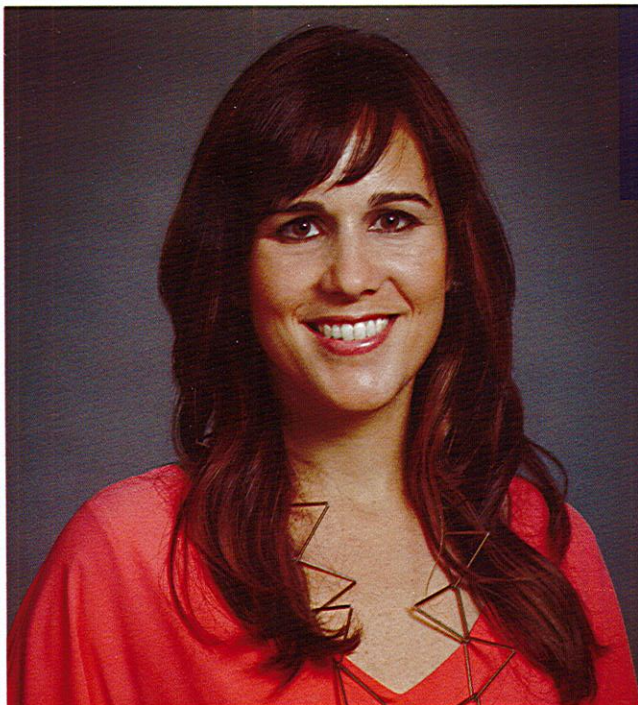
Favorite place to shop: Nordstrom
Dream destination: Bali
Car you drive: "Mom Car"/Honda Odyssey 2011 (I surrendered; once I had 3 car seats!)
Nightstand reading: "Paper Napkin Wisdom" by Govindh Jayaraman & Jack Daly
Slogan/motto: "Be the change you wish to see in the world."



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"True leadership can make a world of difference. It's about being the change you would like to see, inspiring others to follow in your footsteps, while empowering those around you to be the best that they can be." - Cristina Villalón, CODDI

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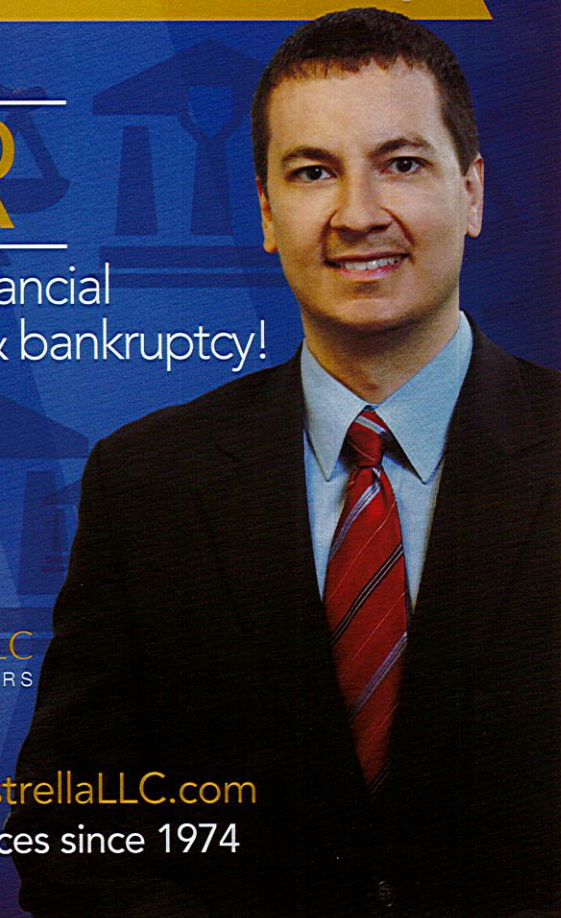
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