

# KATHARINE POOLEY IS HERE

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This summer has seen the arrival of some exquisitely English tastes on Doha's shores. Katharine Pooley, an interior design showroom and service, is now available for you to indulge your home furnishing desires. Located at the Gate Mall, in the vibrant West Bay, the store is Pooley's first franchise. "My business partner

she told us. "Doha is a very expanding and exciting country at present - I see it as a perfect opportunity as the first international franchise."

Opening her first store in London's Walton Street in 2004, Pooley was actually a late bloomer when it came to entering into this world she now dominates. She actually started out in banking. "My experience of working in banking really helped me. Being detailed, administrative and highly



► organised are all traits of a good interior designer. It is not just about the creative side," she says.

With an innate love of adventure and travel, Pooley has visited more than 250 countries and can more often than not be found scaling some lofty peak. The experience of so many different cultures has led Pooley to have a unique approach to capturing the essential diversity of classical contemporary living without sacrificing comfort, coherence or style. She is, of course, not alone, heading a 20-strong team of talented individuals

all working to deliver a seamless and exacting service. "Working with the clients to discover their dream homes is the best part," she shares.

In 2012 Pooley was awarded Best Interior Designer by the Society of British Interior Design, and from commercial to residential projects, she has a wide range of experience. Working with Ansari, head of development company Octagon International, Qatar can finally experience the sophistication of Pooley's taste.



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