THE AVENUE A-LIST: THE MOST INFLUENTIAL NEW YORKERS OF 2012

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continued effect on the world at large. Not only are we a city of movers and shakers, but we do it on a global scale. So boiling down all the members of this great metropolis into a "short list" is not easy—but we're never ones to shy away from a challenge. We chose 212 as the number to represent this year's list, as the area code is inextricably linked with Manhattan's elite. We have selected a variety of personalities, all of whom make a major splash in New York, and whose reach extends well beyond the five boroughs. From the perennials to the new arrivals: developers to designers: authors, actors, anchors and far beyond, these people are the ones

One of the most impressive things about New York is our

Jill Abramson, Executive Editor of The New York Times William Acquavella, Owner of Acquavella Galleries Jonathan Adler and Simon Doonan, Designer and Creative Ambassador at Large for Barney's Waris Ahluwalia, Jewelry Designer

Roger Ailes. President of Fox News Channel and Chairman of Fox Television Studios

Richie Akiva and Scott Sartiano, Nightlife Entrepreneurs Woody Allen, Director, Writer, Producer and Actor Tom Allon, Candidate in the 2013 Mayoral Election Iris Apfel, Interior Designer

Dr. Sherrell J. Aston, Plastic Surgeon

on top. Meet this year's influencers...

Brian Atwood, Shoe and Accessory Designer

Glenda Bailey, Editor-in-Chief of Harper's Bazaar

André Balazs, Hotelier Alec Baldwin, Actor

Bloombera LP

Magen Banwart, Nutrition Guru

Mario Batali, Food Network Star, Chef, Restauranteur

Nate Berkus, Interior Designer and Television Host

Mark Bittman, New York Times Columnist

Sara Blakely, Founder and CEO of Spanx

Lloyd Blankfein, Chairman and CEO of Goldman Sachs Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of New York City and Founder of

April Bloomfield, Chef and Restauranteur

Samantha Boardman and Aby Rosen, Psychiatrist and Real Estate

Andrew Bolton and Harold Koda, Curators of the Costume Institute of The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Mary Boone, Owner of the Mary Boone Gallery

Daniel Boulud, Chef and Restauranteur

Anthony Bourdain, Author and Host of the Travel Channel's

Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations

Hamish Bowles, International Editor-at-Large for Vogue

Hannah Bronfman, Entrepreneur and DJ

David Brooks, New York Times Journalist

Gavin Brown, Gallery Owner

Mario Buatta, Interior Designer Gisele Bundchen, Super Model

Chris Burch, Venture Capitalist

Tory Burch, Fashion Designer

Amanda Burden and Charlie Rose, Director of the NYC City

Planning and Television Host