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OUR BEST YEAR YET

I'm an optimist by nature, so it's no surprise that I greet each new year with a sense of all the possibilities ahead, especially when it comes to Chicago's design scene. From attending new openings to discovering new talents and following the latest projects from established designers, there are always exciting developments to look forward to, and I get the feeling that 2022 will be a comeback year like no other. It's already starting off with a bang: From national names like Phillip Jeffries and Calligaris to locally owned companies like Vintage Refined and City Haus Interiors, the new showroom scene is burgeoning at theMart and in neighborhoods across the city, demonstrating once again Chicago's status as a premier design destination.

Need more proof? Look no further than our Best of Design feature, a much-anticipated annual look at Chicago's top talents across the entire industry. From interior designers and architects to lighting, furniture, kitchen and bath resources, and more, these 50 voter-driven, editorial-approved awards deliver an engrossing snapshot at the best that the city's design scene has to offer.

Elsewhere in the issue, we go inside the stunning new 60,000-square-foot RH Oak Brook gallery; pay homage

to Simeone Deary Design Group founders Gina Deary and Lisa Simeone, who are celebrating 20 years of collaboration; and discover three jaw-dropping new design projects (including lookers by Best of Design award winners Nicholas Moriarty and Gemma Parker). The cherry on top of all this good news to start 2022? Readers can look forward to even more *Modern Luxury Interiors* in the coming months, as *Interiors NS* makes its debut in March and September. All in all, one thing's clear, design lovers: It's going to be a very good year.

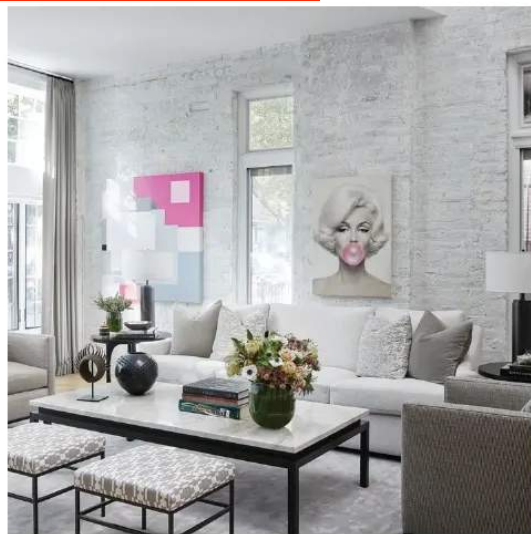
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Gemma Parker Design transformed this 19th century home into a thoroughly of-the-moment stunner.



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With interactive retail experiences, an in-house atelier and glass-enclosed luxury dining, the expansive new RH Oak Brook is drawing Chicago design lovers galore to the western suburbs.

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The great room features a grand staircase, chic chandeliers and a relaxing lounge area. Opposite page: Shop myriad furniture items, including the customizable leather Lugano sectional.

Acclaimed high-end home furnishings retailer RH recently debuted RH Oak Brook, The Gallery at Oakbrook Center, an experiential decor shopping center. The stunning 60,000-square-foot space sports a chic charcoal gray Venetian plaster exterior with an elegant expanse of glass-and-steel French doors. Guests pass through a 25-foot threshold of retractable glass to enter, continuing into a central hall with 14-foot soaring ceilings and barrel-vaulted passageways. Inside, expansive areas with RH Interiors, RH Modern and RH Outdoor collections display artistic, experiential installations of luxe home furnishings in a gallery setting. Shop an integrated assortment of furnishings, lighting, textiles and decor—or visit the in-house design firm and atelier for a more personal touch—then head upstairs to wine and dine.

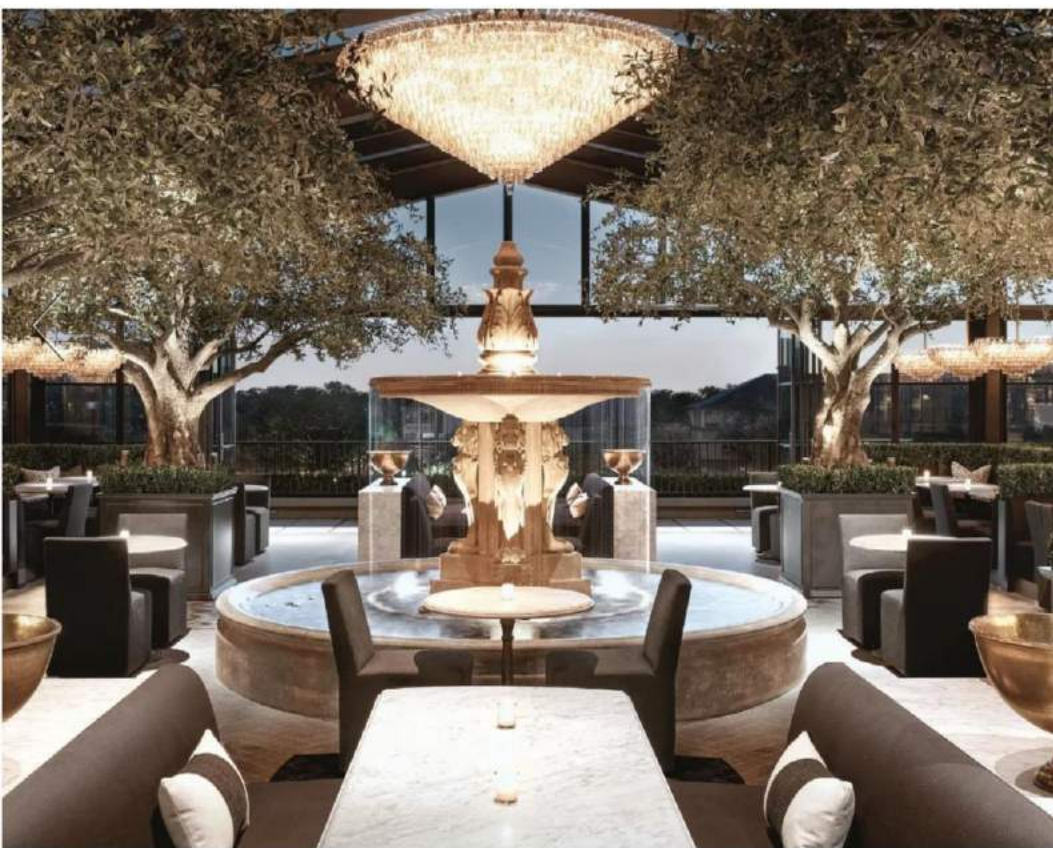
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The glass-enclosed rooftop restaurant features retractable walls and is surrounded by exquisite furnishings available for purchase.

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Enclosed in glass on the summit of a grand floating staircase, the RH Rooftop Restaurant sits in a skylit garden and serves up classic, ingredient-driven items like lobster rolls and truffle fries, while the curated wine bar boasts myriad worldly selections. (Insider tip: You can take your wine anywhere in the gallery, so grab a glass on arrival and sip while you shop.) The expertly landscaped outdoor park, resplendent with intimate lounge spaces from the RH Outdoor collection, is expertly complemented by sparkling chandeliers, heritage olive

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From top: The RH Modern gallery offers the Italo collection of sofas and sectional; a glance at the well-appointed exterior, the wine bar pours 60 wines total, with limited-production sips from Napa Valley's most renowned vintners.



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trees, sculptural evergreens and trickling fountains that harken back to the great classical gardens of Europe. "Most retail stores are archaic windowless boxes that lack any sense of humanity. There's generally no fresh air or natural light," says RH Chairman and CEO Gary Friedman of the brand's continued foray into hospitality. "That's why we don't build retail stores, we create inspiring spaces that blur the lines between residential and retail, indoors and outdoors, home and hospitality." 1300 22nd St., Oak Brook, rh.com/oakbrook ■

