



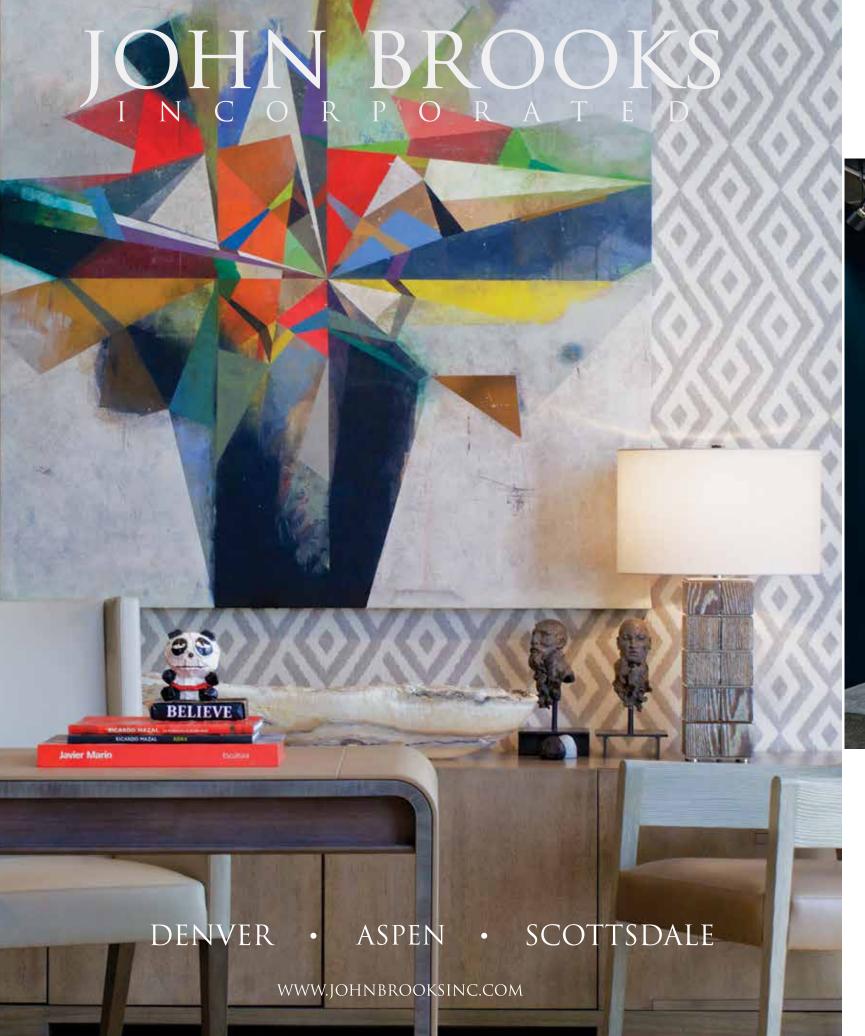


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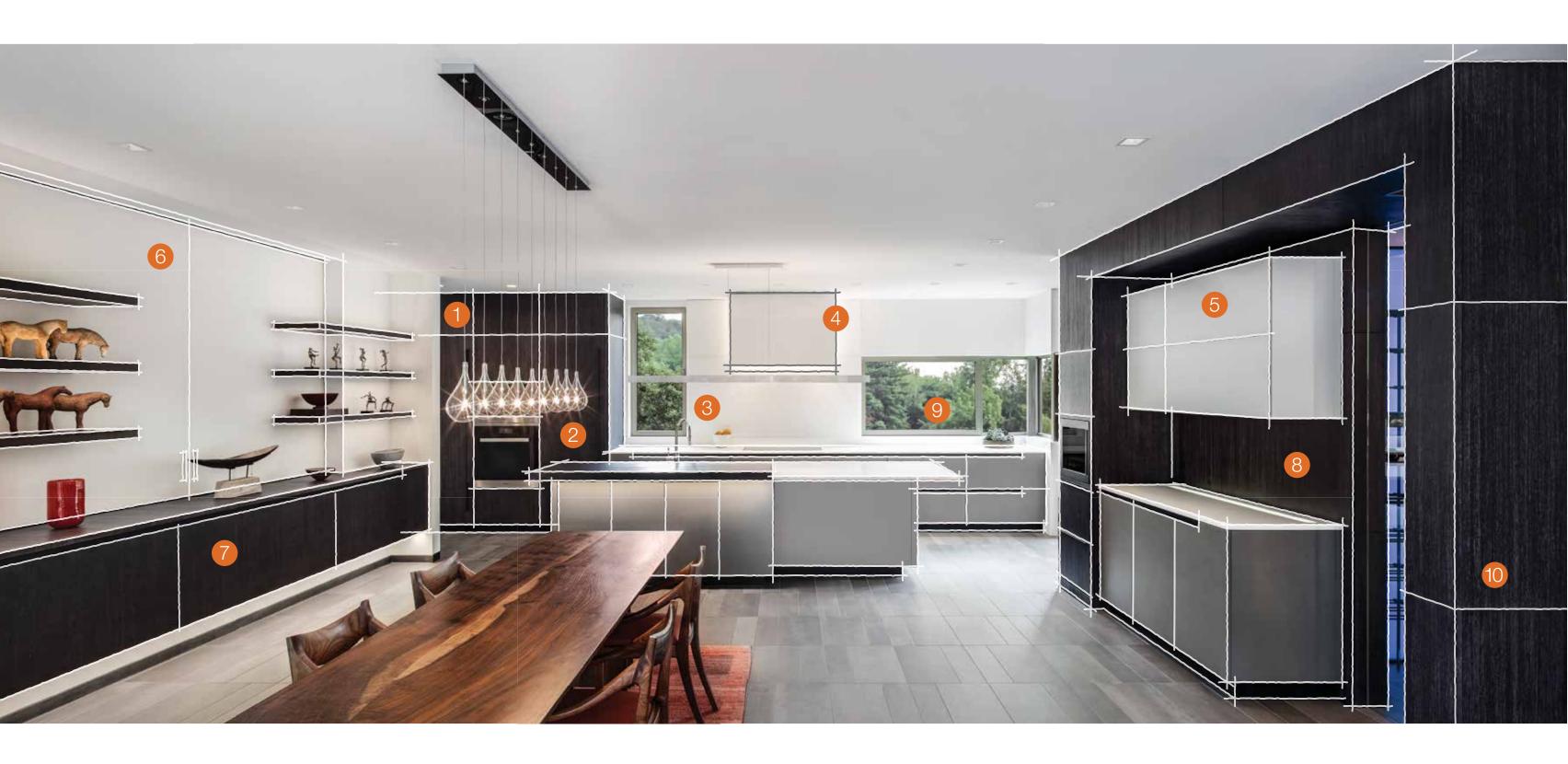




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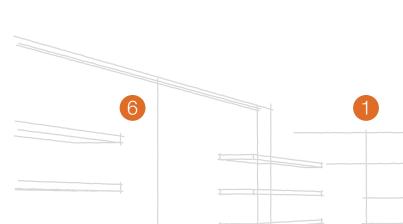
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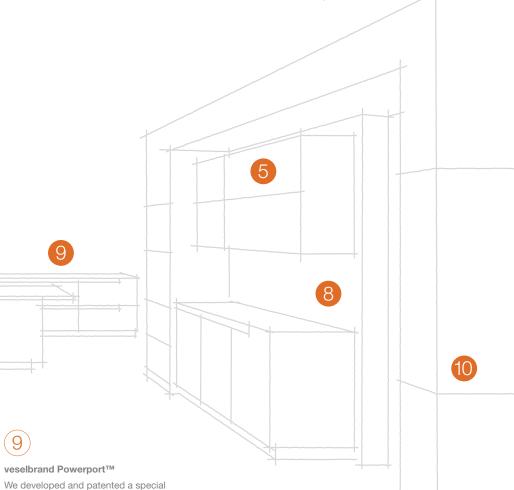
### veselbrand custom upper cabinetry in the same snow white Krion material as the counter-tops, this solution was engineered to eliminate the possibility of a material offgassing into the wine glasses stored inside.

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The wine display area features unique

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Matt white glass doors on aluminum frames completely eliminated any wood parts from the construction. Blum electronic servos on the glass doors add to the ease of use and eliminate a visible pull..



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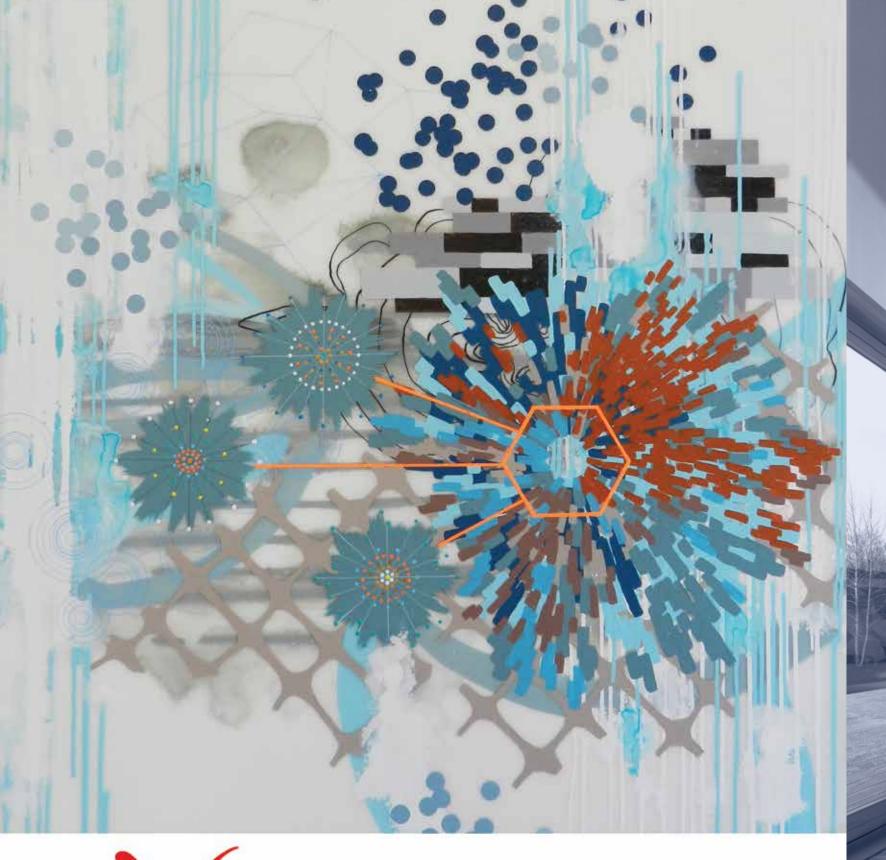
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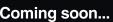


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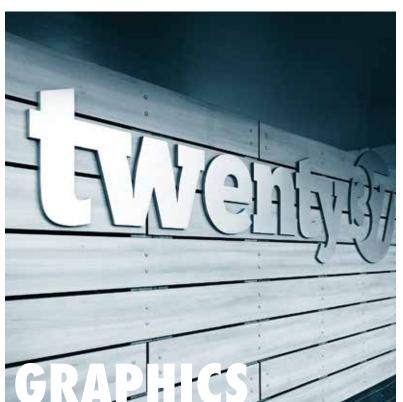


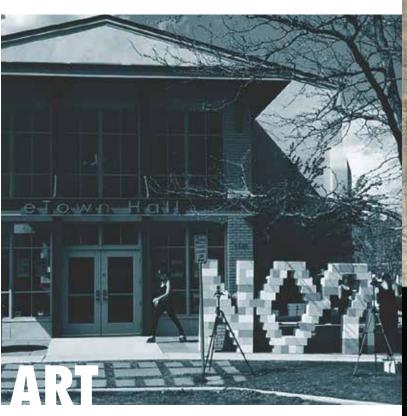
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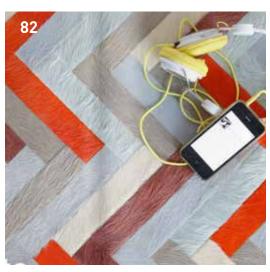
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### "LOGIC WILL GET YOU FROM A TO B. IMAGINATION WILL TAKE YOU EVERYWHERE." -A. EINSTEIN

Promoting, celebrating, and highlighting good design has been the foundation and driving force behind Modern In Denver since our very first, ultra-slim, 48-page stapled issue arrived in the summer of 2008.

Since then, we've published 32 more issues that have consistently grown in both size and scope. (This issue tops out at 184 pages!) We've also been very deliberate about working to facilitate and encourage meaningful dialogue about good design.

But what is good design? How is it relevant to the creation of flourishing, sustainable communities? And how does it enrich the quality and joy in our individual lives? These are the questions that I try to infuse into everything we do.

I believe that as a society, the more we know about good design, the better equipped we are to ask questions, to demand better work from our collective creative community, and hopefully to create a happier, more functional world. Dialogue, discussion, debate, and celebration play an absolutely critical role in elevating the value and importance of design in our community-and the world at large.

All of which goes a long way toward explaining why I'm so thrilled to announce that Modern In Denver is throwing our full support behind this summer's inaugural Denver Design Week.

More than 30 cities all over the globe host some version of a design week, with events that have become instrumental in promoting not only design, but also the

people, businesses, and industries that produce it. And now, at last, we have one coming to Colorado!

This year's Denver Design Week features nearly 30 events (and more than 50 presenters) spread across eight days, with a thoughtful blend of education, collaboration, and inspiration. There will be high-profile local, national, and international keynote speakers, home and studio tours, and a huge interactive launch party to kick things off. Session topics include everything from sensory architecture to data storytelling to modern kitchen design to urban planning to the imminent driverless car revolution—and much, much more.

Our local creative community is worthy of celebration. With a lot of hard work and a little luck, this could soon become one of the largest and most vital design weeks in the country. In this inaugural year, Modern In Denver will be there every step of the way, reporting, promoting, and enjoying! If you want to contribute, loyal reader, I urge you to get involved: come to the Launch Party, sign up for a session, take a tour, and spread the word. Let's build something

Learn more and see the full slate of events at denverdesignweek.com, or on Facebook (/DENdesignweek), Twitter @DENdesignweek), and Instagram (@DENdesignweek)

See you in July!

### THE COVERS





### FRESH FROM THE PAST.

For the summer issue, we are excited to be running two very special covers. To celebrate the groundbreaking Women of Abstract Expressionism exhibit at the Denver Art Museum this summer, we are featuring an iconic image of painter Helen Frankenthaler shot in 1956 by renowned photographer Gordon Parks for LIFE magazine. Frankenthaler's work along with 11 other women painters will be featured in an original exhibition at the DAM through September 25. Our other cover features an original chalk rendering by leaendary architect Charles Deaton of the Key Savings and Loan Association building he designed in 1967.



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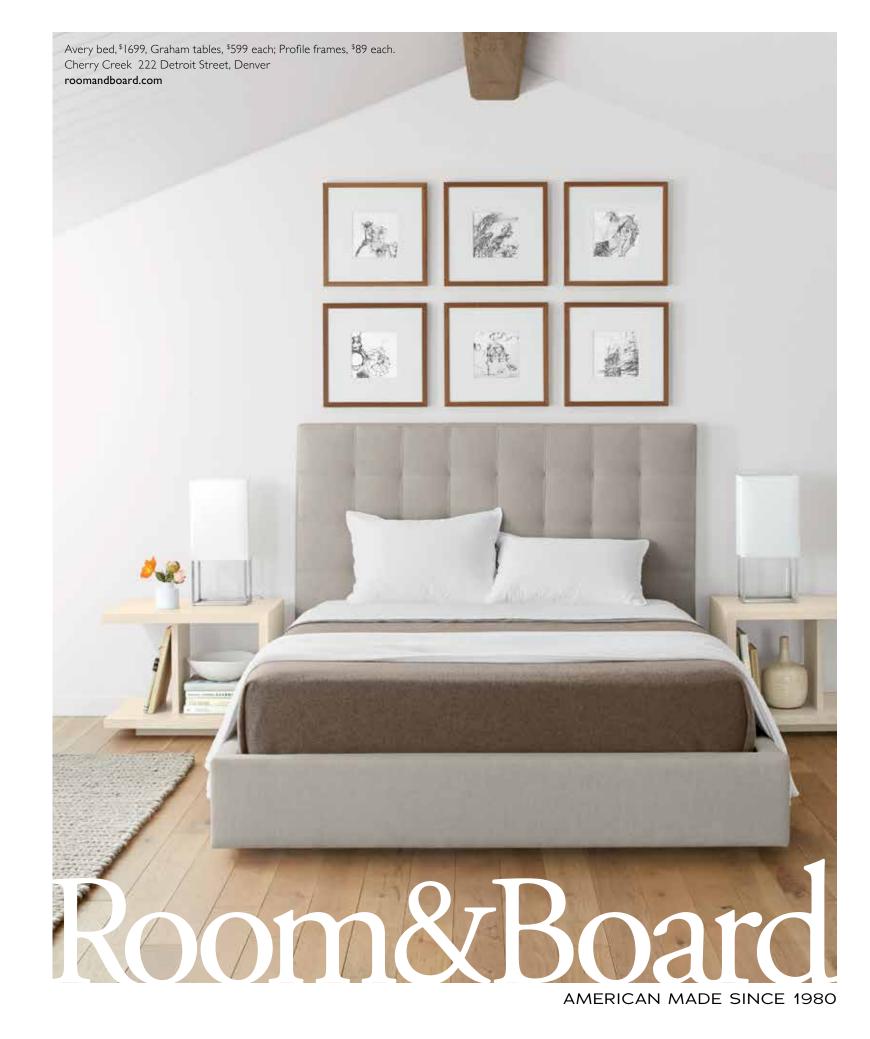
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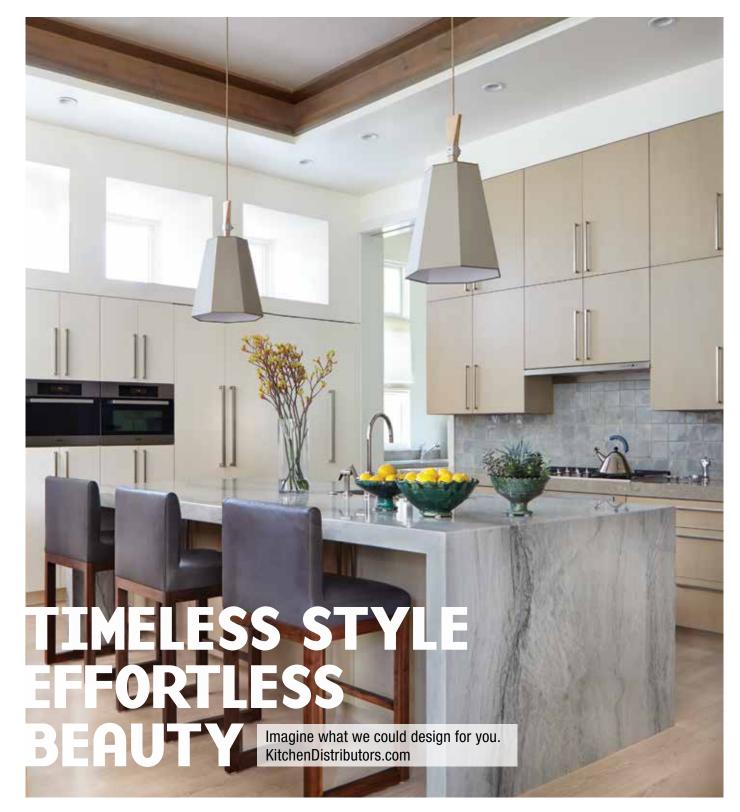




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We are at a crucial point in Denver's march through history. As Denver has grown and changed, some local MCM masterpieces have been lost, while others continue to be threatened in the name of "progress." We don't have to accept the destruction of Denver's heritage of modern architecture; the remaining masterpieces and enclaves can still be saved for future generations to enjoy, understand, and be inspired by.

# What you can do . . .

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Your iPhone's protective case may have rescued it from many a fall, but yawn, does it have to look so ordinary? Mother and daughter team Elizabeth and Erin Dining, who live in Boulder, came up with Cradl, a twist on protective cases. With a frame made from rigid ultra-thin plastic, Cradl cases have intricate designs carved into the back. On the front, raised corners keep the phone's screen from touching any surface. Made for iPads and iPhones.

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### **PINK THINK**

If staring at pink walls calmed aggressive inmates during the late 1970s, why not athletes? At least that's the gist behind the Baker Miller Pink hoodie, designed by twin brothers Steve and Nick Tidball, who founded innovative clothing company Vollebak. The insulated jacket is mostly the same shade of pink, which closely resembles bubble-gum or Pepto-Bismol. The hood zips up completely, leaving air holes, of course. Just 15 minutes is all one needs to slow down breathing and recover from strenuous activity. "It's only by enduring the highs and lows ourselves that we think about the kind of questions that need answering," say the brothers.

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### **SMALL SCREEN**

As consumers rely less on laptops in favor of compact smartphones, it makes sense for other electronics to follow suit. Take Sony's new Portable Ultra Short Throw Projector (the LSPX-P1), a white, 2-pound projector that is slightly larger than an Apple TV. Wirelessly connect it your phone to stream a video onto a nearby wall—up to 80-inches wide. It also works with any HDMI-compatible device—Blu-ray player, cable box, etc. While at 768p, it's on the low-end of high-definition video, this wireless projector is completely portable, with built-in speakers and rechargeable battery, plus Bluetooth, which turns the projector on if it senses your smartphone is near.

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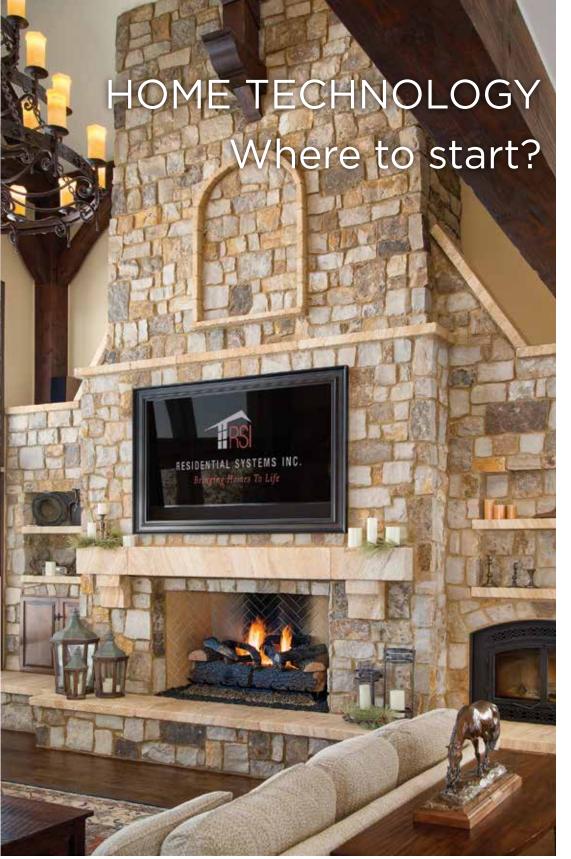
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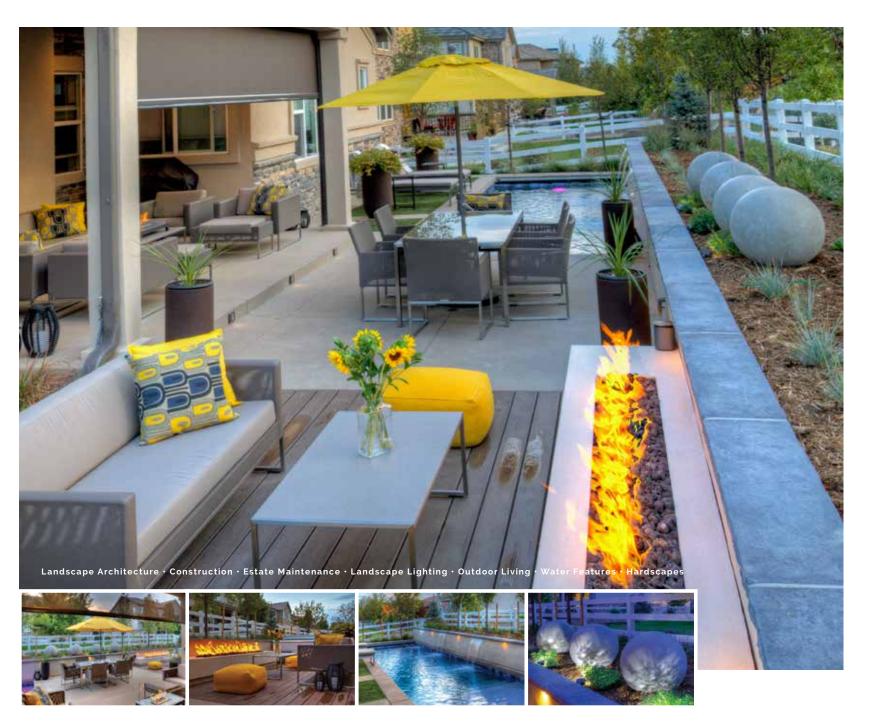
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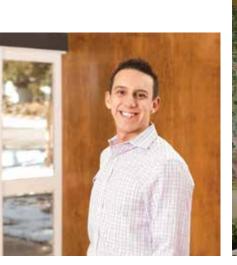
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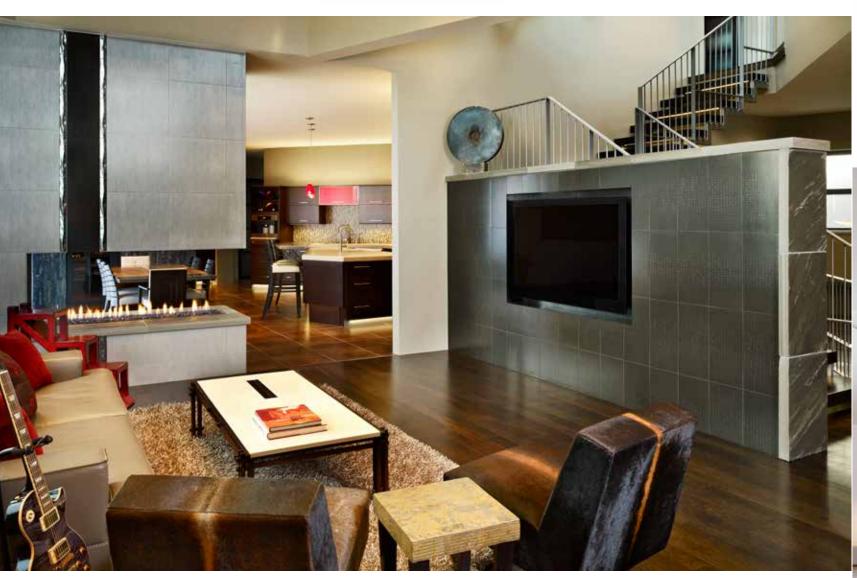
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# **ONE IN A** MILL-ION

THE FLOUR MILL LOFTS APPEAR IN SEVERAL CHAPTERS OF DENVER'S ECLECTIC HISTORY. UPDATING A LUXURY RESIDENCE WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EMBRACE THE PAST WHILE FOCUSING ON WHAT LIES AHEAD.

T may not show up in history books, but Dana Crawford's renovation of the Flour Mill Lofts on Little Raven Street in the late 1990s was an important moment for Colorado. It offered both a glimpse into Denver's past and a preview of what was to come. Nearly 20 years later, the building remains a treasured property in the Mile High City-as well as a highly coveted address. But even as one Flour Mill unit takes a further leap into the present, the foundational history is front and center.

Though it's hard to fathom now, the areas in and around Denver's historic Lower Downtown neighborhood were a desolate wasteland for much of the 20th century. Home to dozens of original warehouse structures, the area was a casualty of the push-and-pull of the 1980s oil boom and the bust that followed, where nearly 20 percent of structures were demolished and many others were vacant and boarded up. Visit today's Larimer Square-with its cheerful canopy of string lights, umbrella-covered patios, and awardwinning restaurants (not to mention a high-end dog boutique and gourmet popcorn shop)-and it's hard to believe that most of downtown was considered a skid row only 30 years ago.

After gaining historical designation in the late 1980s, the shift toward revitalization began. Instead of tearing down historic buildings, developers transformed them into modern offices, apartments, eateries, and shops. A thoughtfully designed Coors Field joined the fray in 1995, creating a new focal point on Blake Street, and esteemed developer and preservationist

Crawford—who in the 1960s worked tirelessly to save the 1400 block of Larimer (now the very same block that hosts the gourmet popcorn shop!)-was a key figure in Denver's bold renaissance.

Resting on a largely undeveloped stretch of greenery between the western edge of downtown and I-25 (beside the City of Cuernavaca Park and overlooking the South Platte River), the aptly named Flour Mill Lofts were first used to store and process Colorado's wheat. Built in the 1920s, the Pride of the Rockies flour mill was a working facility for 40 years. The building was ultimately abandoned, and it remained empty (although largely intact) for decades until Crawford, on the cusp of the new millennium, transformed it into high-end condominiums. At the center of the downtown development boom, this renovation reimagined the potential of Denver's industrial buildings, inspiring a proliferation of loft-style housing that now dominates much of the residential landscape downtown.

Now listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings, the Flour Mill Lofts consist of 47 units in two side-by-side buildings: the 1920 structure, first renovated in 1998 and still home to the original mill and three grain silos, and a newer addition completed in 2000. Both buildings also contain state-of-the-art. low-emission glass designed to match the historic scale and proportions of the existing windows, as well as acoustically insulated walls. With little nearby to block sight lines, nearly every unit has breathtaking views of the city, the mountains, or both.





The fully custom, chef's kitchen is elevated from the rest of the loft. The specially engineered exhaust system includes thoughtful details like hooks for hanging pots and pans. The sink showcases the perforated metal doors of the upper cabinetry and custom White Macuabas quartzite backsplash and countertops. The steel band within the backsplash echoes other metallic details throughout the kitchen, including the hardware, island countertop, appliances, and faucet. The lower cabinetry is washed in the same gray as the floors, adding continuity throughout the loft.

For one Flour Mill Lofts homeowner looking to spruce up his unit, what began as a hunt for new furniture morphed into a complete remodel of the 3,000-square-foot space. With the help of local architect David Robb and Chicago-based interior designer Jennie Bishop, the loft was transformed into an open space that celebrates its historic traditions while bringing it forward into a completely new era.

Inside the unit, Robb (Robb Studio) and Bishop (Studio Gild) inherited several attractive features: 14-foot ceilings, exposed concrete, and a fireplace set within the original chimney stack of the building. The primary goals included making the kitchen more prominent within the home—it was moved forward to engage more acutely with the dining and living room spaces—and to properly showcase the client's art

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collection (much of which, including an eight-panel painting by Matt Mullican that stretches across nearly an entire wall).

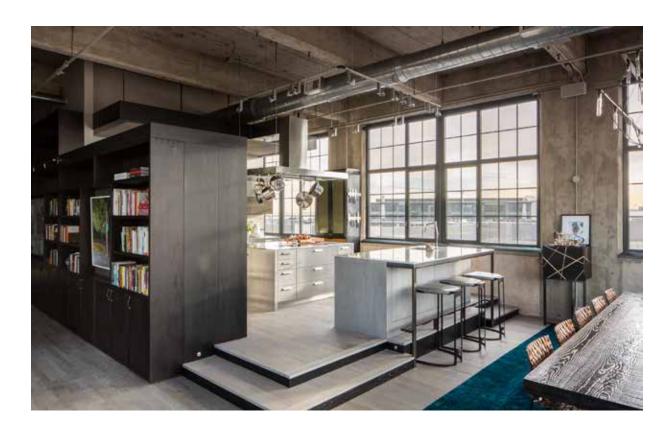
"Certain projects in an architect's career deliver a discerning client who has the resources to allow an unencumbered creative process," said Robb. "This was one of those projects." In one corner, he revamped the fireplace by highlighting exposed concrete and steel alongside Shou-sugi-ban wood at the hearth. (Shou-sugi-ban wood is the Japanese style of burning wood to create a distinctive blackened effect.)

In lieu of a traditional mantel, this architectural fireplace instead features a geometric steel beam with inlayed wood, which is both mounted to the concrete and hoisted from the ceiling. The result is a feature that makes a statement while still blending seamlessly into the surrounding environment. The mantel echoes the exposed beams, pipes, and ductwork found throughout the loft, and the rich color of inlayed wood calls to mind other design details found elsewhere in the home, including shelving, cabinets, and even the dining room table. A substantial walnut bookcase anchored the design palette, and the inviting dark wood turns up again on the fireplace and dining room.

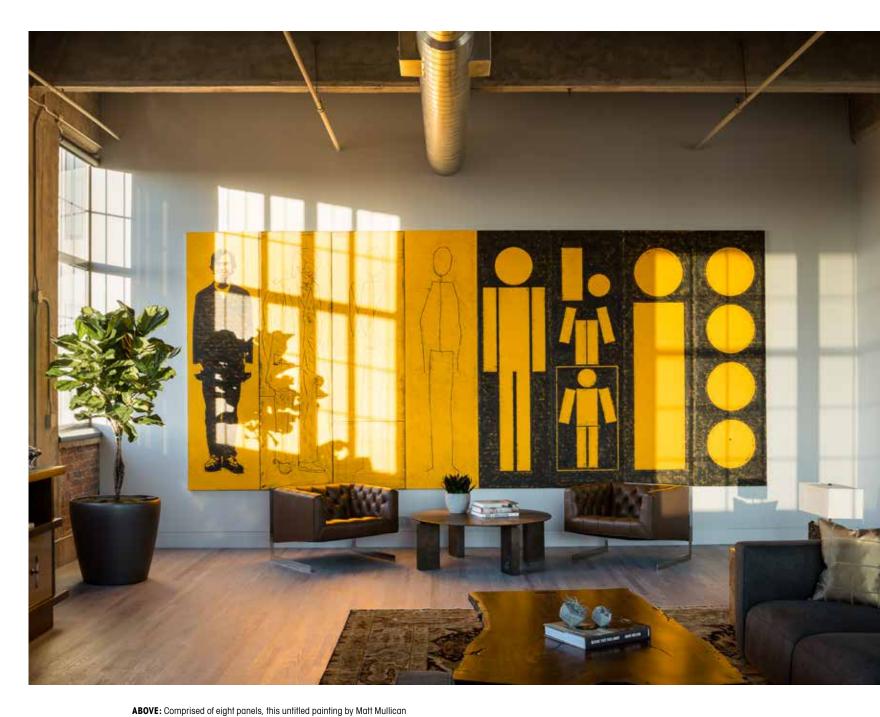
With the help of Exquisite Kitchen Design's Mikal Otten, Robb also transformed the kitchen by relocating, then raising it. This choice was largely architectural in nature, as it enabled the renovation to take place without interfering with the



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was specially commissioned for the space. Mounted above two leather Milo Baughman club chairs, the large painting helps to create a vibrant reading nook within the living room. **TOP LEFT:** Large windows bring inviting light into the kitchen and dining room. The rich walnut color of the custom bookcase grounds the color palette for the entire unit. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Across the living room, the fireplace demands attention, while the mural by artist Mindy Bray was based on her photographs of the Platte River.

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**OPPOSITE:** The master bedroom features the stunning Rope Pile Triptych by artist Pattie Lee Becker above the low platform bed. ABOVE: A storage cabinet outside the master bedroom calls back to the large walnut cabinet from the loft's entry. **BELOW:** The master bathroom includes a clawfoot soaker tub with a modern faucet. The photography above the bathtub is by artist Alex Prager.

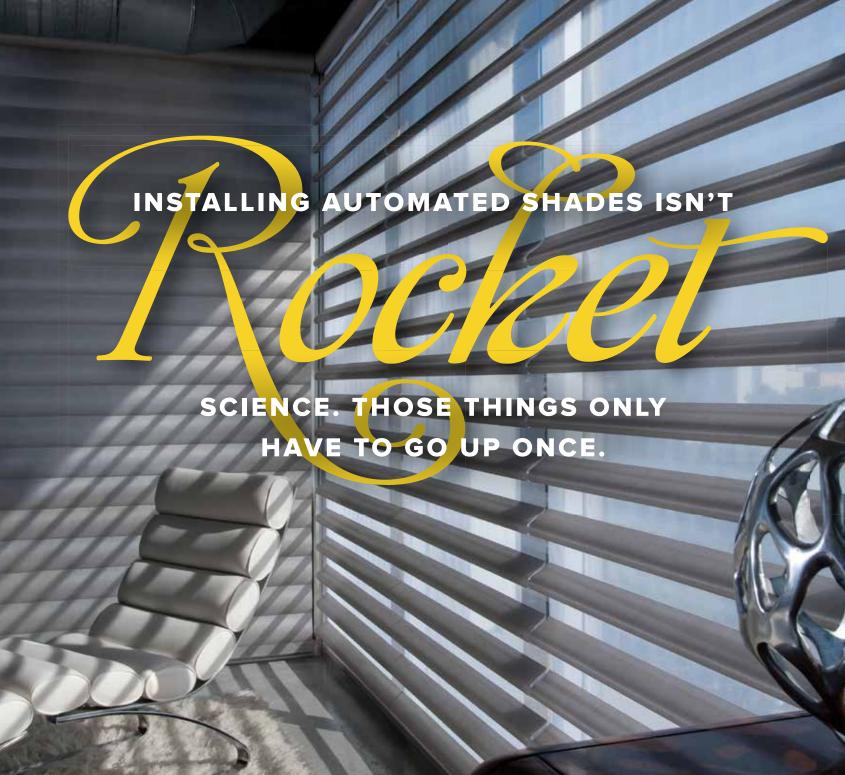


neighbor's unit below. But it was also a stylistic choice, as it literally elevated the kitchen, thus bringing it into more prominent view. From the custom-stained oak lower cabinetry to the White Macaubas quartzite countertops, each element was custom designed for this exact space. According to Bishop, even the cabinetry choice connects to the rest of the home's design: The floors feature the same gray wash, adding continuity. The upper level cabinets are covered in a perforated metal for a one-of-a-kind look that is both elegant and industrial. Robb described the new kitchen as a space that "appears simple, but is grounded in trick details, like the intricate edging of the quartzite counters."

In partnership with Denver's 186 Lighting Design Group, Robb and Bishop next worked to integrate lighting that communicates the overall design aesthetic. The issue of lighting presented a significant challenge because the unit began as an empty shell, and there was a desire to minimize the amount of hanging fixtures. As a result, they opted for a more unobtrusive suspended track lighting system, which effectively disappears. "This allowed the few featured light fixtures, artwork, and design elements to become the focus, rather than the lighting itself," said Robb. The tactic also allows the unit to become a true showcase at night, as the large windows overlooking the lights of downtown Denver meet the welcoming interior. Guests can simultaneously take in the city skyline outside and the stunning artwork and fireplace inside. Considering the intensive redesign, Bishop appreciates the way the renovation celebrates the existing space." Guests seated in one of the Milo Baughman lounge chairs, under Matt Mullican's artwork, can gaze across the entire living room and into the dining room and kitchen, while enjoying 270-degree views of downtown through the loft windows," she said. Each living space floats within the home, to help preserve the views.

Inside and outside, past and present—the thoughtful renovation of a historic property like Flour Mill Lofts balances the natural elements of Colorado with the industrial nature of the neighborhood. It also balances the rich legacy of the space with a clear focus on what lies ahead, proving once again that great design remains timeless.





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#### LIGHT AS A FEATHER

Fly away from the idea of traditional lighting with the Perch Light designed by Utmut Yamac for Moooi. Sculpted in the form of birds sitting on a branch, these paper lights debuted at Salone del Mobile, and when lit, form a gentle glow. But the best part: When gently touched, the birds freely swing on the perch.



# SHOW SALONE DEL MOBILE 2016 STOPPERS

No stranger to year-round style, Milan becomes the center of the design world when thousands of designers descend on Salone del Mobile each April. The preeminent furniture fair packs a punch, with more than 300,000 attendees gaining design inspiration from the 1,300-plus exhibitors. From innovative material use to reinvented interpretations, here are our favorite furniture finds from roaming the Milanese milieu.



#### **CONTEMPORARY CONTEXT**

Inspired by classic wooden chairs in Europe, the All Plastic Chair is anything but conventional. Designed by British designer Jasper Morrison for Vitra, the finely modeled seat and backrest adapt to the contours of the body thanks to new materials and forward-thinking design: Axial shafts with rubber buffers allow for gentle flexion, moving with you instead of leaving your behind, well, behind.

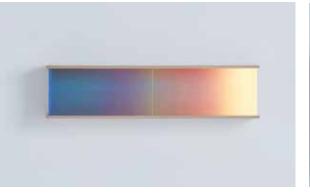
#### **DIVIDE AND CONCUR**

When you think of room dividers, nature rarely comes to mind. But that was the inspiration for Tokyo designer Jin Kuramoto's new solution to noise control for commercial spaces. Wind, created for Swedish furniture company Offecct, is a series of organic shapes that help control acoustics in a more welcoming way. Now that's a breath of fresh air.





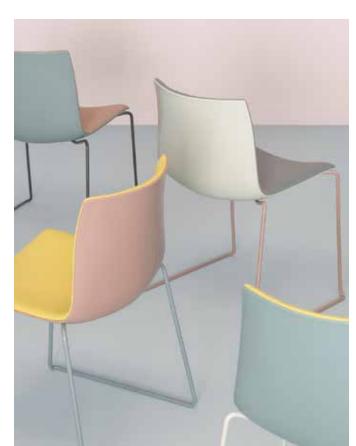
# THE BEST FROM SALONE DEL MOBILE SHOW STOPPERS





#### IRI-DECADENT

Storage just got a lot more light-hearted. Layer, inspired from the Japanese architecture methodology of Sukiya-Zukuri, features colorful sliding glass panels that drape your décor with different hues. The shelving is part of Daisuke Kitagawa's Reflect collection, which was designed in hopes of eliciting a greater cognizance of our surroundings.



#### **TICKLED PINK**

When Pantone debuted not one, but two Colors of the Year for 2016, design trio Alberto Lievore, Jeannette Altherr, and Manuel Molina rose to the challenge of producing a duochrome design for Italian brand Arper. Originally designed in 2004, the Catifa 46 series retains the same slim profile, but is now available in this updated pastel palette.



#### TWO IS A CLOUD

Life is not a straight line, and neither is the new Édouard series. Designed by Antonio Citterio for B&B Italia, the pieces tout sinuous lines designed with ergonomics in mind. And it's not just fluff. The padded furniture enhances comfort with a wide seat and a high backrest, which can be fitted with a headrest. The non-linear shape can conform to any taste with its wide range of fabrics and even a classical option that conceals its feet.

#### RIGHT ANGLES

The famed Daniel Libeskind (of Denver Art Museum notoriety) applies his geometric twist to industrial design with the ADAGIO Sofa for Flexform. From leather to linen, you can customize this asymmetrical sofa, which has no orthogonal joints. ADAGIO, which translates to "slow" or "at ease," harmoniously bridges architectural form with everyday comfort.





#### **NON-BINARY STAR**

Inspired by the blending of masculine and feminine forms, the Gender armchair designed by Patricia Urquiola is made up of two independent shapes that come together as one. "There are many sides to society, not only woman and man, and we have to approach these situations in a better way," said the designer, who created the line for Cassina. The armchair freely blends boundaries and allows the user to shape its identity through its many layers, textures, and colors.





#### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

MINDCRAFT—showcased annually during Milan Design Week—is an exhibition spotlighting Danish designers who stimulate curiosity through experimental objects. The project engages and challenges its beholders, and this year, Maria Bruun and Anne Dorthe Vester raised the bar with their "Heavy Stack" project. The doughnut-shaped ceramic rings were drawn from architectural principles and structures combined with a fascination for the process and potentials of extrusion. Chew on that.

#### **CEDAR SPEEDER**

While an entirely wooden car is a remarkable enough concept as it is, Toyota's Setsuna takes the cake with its execution. This cedar and birch roadster was built without a single nail or screw. Instead, a traditional Japanese carpentry technique was used, making it a work of art intended to be passed down generations. Wooden it be nice?







#### WHY NOT?

We love the lines of the yps fixed table by TEAM 7, which remarkably feature no right angles at all. Its Y-shaped legs and beveled corners add softness to the massive, solid piece, which comes in one of eight wood species. The flared legs allow maximum legroom and stability to enjoy your alphabet soup alongside the accompanying aye swivel chairs.





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he arrived in Italy fresh from college in 2002 with an eye toward making it in the fashion industry, but her language skills needed work. Ten months as an au pair, she figured, ought to be a sufficient crash course. Elisabeth Cook may not have realized it at the time, but armed with little more than an entrepreneurial spirit and shiny new degrees in economics and business administration, the Colorado native had chosen a difficult path. No matter.

She had a passion for design and manufacturing, and the unwavering belief that if she could make it in the fashion industry, she could make it anywhere.

Spoiler alert: Cook did succeed in the fashion industry, working first in Milan before spending eight years in product development and production in the world-famous leather goods factories of the Marche region. Now, more than a decade after first setting foot in Italy, she's ready to pull back the curtain on







her newest venture: Dedalo, an upscale interior décor company whose first product, a custom hair-on-hide area rug, is versatile enough to function as upholstery or wall hanging and can be made in any size, shape, pattern, or color. "I checked off enough of those entrepreneurial boxes," said Cook of the transition from fashion to interiors, "that I was ready to do my own thing."

With Dedalo, she's able to call upon many of the skills she learned toiling in Italian factories, where she made shoes for the catwalk: locating components, matching materials, and ensuring the proper blend of style and structural stability. Her craftsman approach complements her passion for product design. Dedalo offers a palette of 105 signature colors that Cook herself created, and if that's not sufficient, she can accommodate custom colors as well. The potential variations are dizzying, and the entire process brings the fashionforward, sexy design style of the prêt-á-porter fashion world to a different medium-which, according to Cook, is exactly the point. "Anything that can be done in graphics can be done on the rugs," she said, citing examples as diverse as graffiti and marble. "I think they're a direct reflection of the client, and they're as unique as the

Cook's passion for interior design melded perfectly with her desire to bring the unique colors and style from the high-fashion runway world of Italy to her new interior décor company, Dedalo.







clients and designers who choose them."

The design of these hairon-hide rugs begins from a graphical concept, created in CAD (Computer-Aided Design), which is what makes unique curvatures like ribbons and paintedlooking brushstrokes possible. The Italian-tanned

cowhide is of French origin, and the remaining materials are certified as waste products before use. The tannery leaves the hair on, and dyes the hide. After everything is cut, an artisanal, handpiecing technique is deployed, which Cook spent a year-and-a-half refining and another four

TOP: Cook physically controlled and continually adjusted her system to develop the specific, rigorous industrial and artisanal processes that would be used in her factory. This Ritz pattern features taupe, sea foam, flame, and truffle. ABOVE RIGHT: Before founding Dedalo, Cook sourced and constructed shoes for the catwalk, which taught her lessons about materials and craftsmanship. Her Momentum pattern is shown here in cream, beige, sky, taupe, sea mist, and sea foam. ABOVE LEFT: Working for nearly a decade in the factories of Italy's fashion world, Cook acquired finishing techniques like hand brushing—the artisanal aspects of hand craftsmanship.

months teaching to workers. Because this technique uses no glue or stitching, it is a complicated, timeintensive process that

results in a one-of-a-kind, luxury-level product.

This June, Dedalo began showcasing and selling



Transitioning from the world of fashion to the world of interior décor, Cook sought to create luxury products that called upon her existing skill set, allowing her to use similar techniques and materials and employ her extensive Italian network. This Ritz pattern features taupe, sea foam, flame, raisin, toffee, and cream.

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their rugs through TOWN showrooms in Colorado, Arizona, Wyoming, New Mexico, Utah, and Montana. Although the development and production takes place in Italy, Cook made a conscious choice

to launch the brand right here in her home state. Of the link between Colorado and Italy, she said, "They are two cultures and two mindsets which complement and contrast each other." She hasn't given up her primary residence in Italy, but she plans to remain stateside for most of the next three years

as Dedalo continues to build a following in the local market. After that, other U.S. cities are on the horizon: Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York. And eventually, with the rollout of new products and new techniques, Cook plans to take

her brand worldwide.

From Colorado to Italy and back again, Elisabeth Cook is doing her own thing ... and she's doing it very well.



# WOMEN OF ABSTRACT EXPRESSIONISM

# BRIGHT VIVID & STRONG

A BOLD NEW EXHIBIT AT THE DENVER ART MUSEUM FEATURES BREATHTAKING WORK FROM A DOZEN OF HISTORY'S MOST UNDER-APPRECIATED ARTISTS.

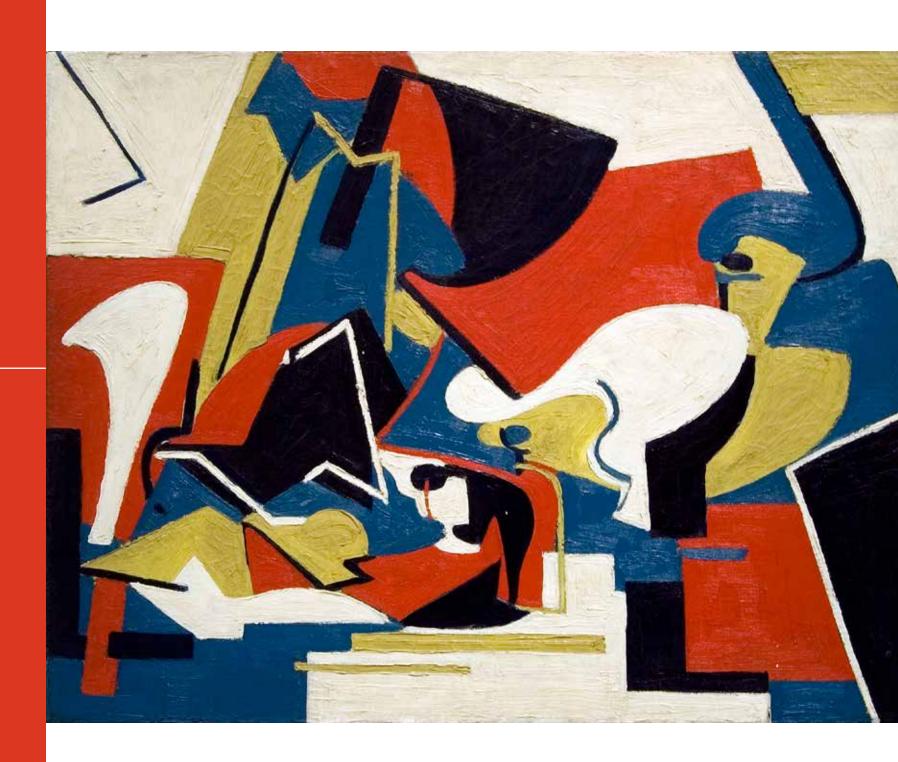
**ART** and design aficionados already know the Denver Art Museum offers some of the finest Modernist viewing around. Now Gwen Chanzit, the Curator of Modern Art who brought us *Figure to Field: Mark Rothko in the 1940s*, recently unveiled another show-stopping exhibition at the DAM just in time for summer.

Premiering in Denver, Women of Abstract Expressionism is the first full-scale museum presentation of the work of the women involved in this important art movement. Twelve artists from both the East and West Coasts are represented, including Jay DeFeo, Helen Frankenthaler, Elaine de Kooning, Lee Krasner, Joan Mitchell, and Deborah Remington. Fifty-one paintings, many large-scale, command the entire fourth floor of the museum (plus a smaller adjunct show one floor down).

Often referred to as the first fully American modern art movement, Abstract Expressionism began in the 1940s in New York City, stealing the art world spotlight away from Paris. The founding group, sometimes referred to as the "New York School," was stylistically diverse and included such well-known artists as Jackson Pollock, Willem de Kooning, Franz Kline, Mark Rothko, and Clyfford Still. By comparison, even the most intrinsic women in the group, such as Lee Krasner, have received little attention. Chanzit did not set out to do a show specifically about women, but she immediately recognized the quality of the work and felt it deserved a much larger audience. "These are important paintings by exceptional artists," she emphasized, adding that the vagaries of history and gender roles helped to keep them largely invisible.

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OPPOSITE: Lee Krasner, Untitled, 1942
Lee Krasner may not have achieved the same level of fame as her husband, Jackson Pollock, but the quality of her work endures. Krasner herself understood the long shadow cast by Pollock, telling an interviewer, "I daresay that a great deal of my so-called position or lack of position, whichever you want to call it, in the official art world is based on the association with Pollock. It is almost impossible to deal with me without relating it to Pollock."



#### BRIGHT, VIVID & STRONG











Despite their innovative contributions to the burgeoning field of Abstract Expressionism, female artists were marginalized for decades. Over time, however, new generations of scholars have begun to appreciate the significance of artists like (clockwise from top left) Deborah Remington, Judith Godwin, Helen Frankenthaler, Sonia Gechoff, and Mary Abbott.

All the women included are noteworthy; several were highly influential. One such artist was New Yorker Helen Frankenthaler (1928-2011), whose "soak-stain" technique launched the transition from Abstract Expressionism to what critic Clement Greenberg recognized as "the next big thing": Color Field painting. First employed in her 1952 Mountains and Sea, Frankenthaler's process involved pouring thinned paint (initially turpentine-thinned oil paint, then later, water-thinned acrylic) onto raw canvas to create washes of color that completely ignored not only representation, but dimensionality.

A prolific artist and tireless experimenter, Frankenthaler had a long career that began in 1950, with her inclusion in a major exhibition curated by Adolph Gottlieb. The very next year, New York's Tibor de Nagy Gallery hosted her first solo show, and she was included in the 9th Street Exhibition of Paintings and Sculpture. It was in this landmark show that Greenberg recognized her talent and ignited her career. By 1959, Frankenthaler was regularly included in international shows, and in 1960 had her first museum solo show, at the Jewish Museum in New York. Over the next 50 years, Frankenthaler continued to create and exhibit significant work in a variety of mediums, including ceramics, sculpture, tapestry, and printmaking, in addition to painting. She continues to be the subject of

museum exhibitions around the world, including at the Whitney Museum, Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) New York, and the Royal Scottish Academy in Edinburgh.

Among the West Coast artists featured in Women of Abstract Expressionism, Jay DeFeo (1929-1989) played an equally pivotal role. She grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and after graduating from the University of California Berkeley in 1951, lived in Europe and North Africa for 18 months on a fellowship. There, DeFeo created her first major body of work, her own unique fusion of Abstract Expressionism with aspects of Italian architecture, as well as Asian, African, and prehistoric art.

In 1959, DeFeo's career experienced two major milestones: a solo show at Dilexi Gallery in San Francisco, and inclusion of her work, alongside artists such as Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg, and Frank Stella in the groundbreaking show Sixteen Americans at MOMA New York. After a solo show in 1960, in L.A., DeFeo focused for the next eight years on the evolution of a single, momentous work titled *The Rose*. Her most

famous piece, it incorporates thick layers of oil paint, which she chiseled away to create what she called "a marriage between painting and sculpture." More than 10-and-a-half-feet tall and weighing one ton, it incorporated wooden dowels to support the paint and required a forklift to move. After first being exhibited in 1969, The Rose was covered and stored behind the wall of a conference room until 1995, when a curator had it excavated and restored. Until her death at age 60 in 1989, DeFeo continued to create and exhibit unique pieces that mixed media and techniques to blur the boundaries between painting, sculpture, drawing, and collage.

Chanzit is quick to point out that all the women were as bold in their art-making as the men, experimenting with technique, subject matter, and materials. To combat the notion that female artists were just "followers," she selected earlier work, painted in the late 1940s and 1950s. "I wanted to show that these women were creating work right alongside the men."

The seeds for Women of Abstract Expressionism were sown in 2008 in New York City. Chanzit

ALL THE WOMEN WERE AS BOLD IN THEIR ART-MAKING AS THE MEN, EXPERIMENTING WITH TECHNIQUE, SUBJECT MATTER, AND MATERIALS.







Although the catalog features more than 50 women, Denver Art Museum Curator of Modern Art Gwen Chanzit limited the number of artists shown in the gallery to 12, allowing each artist their own space. "This individuality is something very special about the work," Chanzit said.

**TOP LEFT:** Sonia Gerchoff, *The Beginning*, 1960 **TOP RIGHT:** Joan Mitchell, *Hudson River Day Line*, 1955 **LEFT:** Helen Frankenthaler, *Western Dream*, 1957

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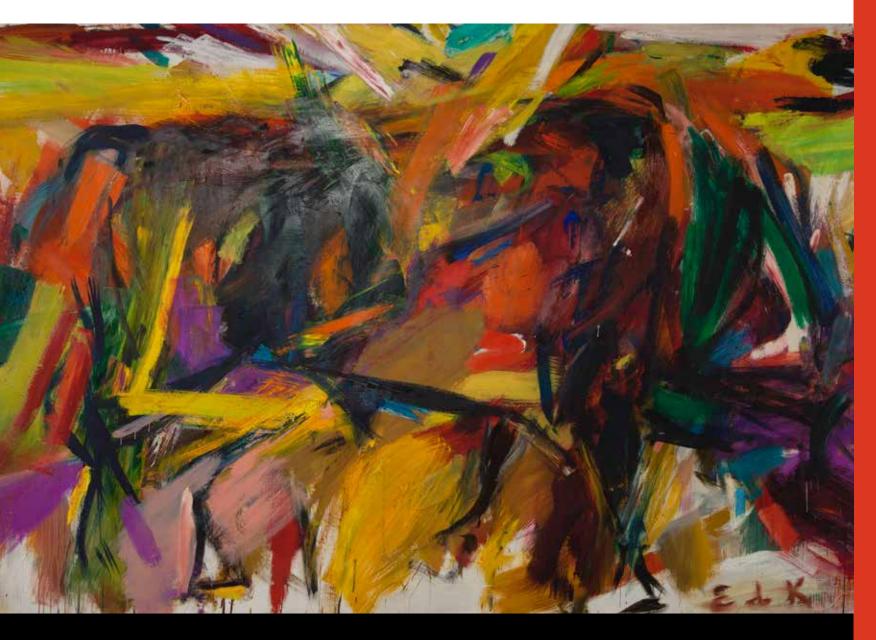




Widely considered the first fully American art movement, Abstract Expressionism took hold in 1940s New York and featured luminaries like Mark Rothko, Willem de Kooning, and Clyfford Still. Of lesser renown (but not lesser importance), women like Jay DeFeo, Elaine de Kooning, and Helen Frankenthaler contributed seminal work throughout the 1940s and '50s. Women of Abstract Expressionism premieres in Denver as the first full-scale museum presentation focusing solely on the work of these important artists.

**ABOVE:** Ethel Schwabacher, *Antigone!*, 1958 **LEFT:** Jay DeFeo, *Untitled Everest*, 1955 **OPPOSITE:** Mary Abbott, *All Green*, 1954





# **BULLFIGHT!**

PART OF CURATOR GWEN CHANZIT'S VISION FOR WOMEN OF ABSTRACT EXPRESSIONISM WAS A LEGACY. WITH HER GUIDANCE, THE DENVER ART MUSEUM ACQUIRED SEVERAL IMPORTANT PAINTINGS, INCLUDING THE SPECTACULAR BULLFIGHT BY ELAINE DE KOONING.

Nearly 8 feet tall and 11 feet wide, it's an eye-popping composition of raw movement and saturated color that captures the artist's experience of her first bullfight in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. De Kooning was so captivated by the experience that she returned again and again, creating a series of oil pastel drawings that would lead to several full-size paintings.

The story of how the painting was acquired is equally colorful. During a research trip to New York City, Chanzit met with a gallery owner who had just visited de Kooning's studio the weekend prior. He pulled out his cellphone to show photos of four paintings he'd found tucked inside a large cardboard tube. Chanzit zeroed in on Bullfight, and the museum was able to purchase it immediately.



Some of the women featured in the Denver Art Museum's *Women of Abstract Expressionism* exhibit were influential in ways that extended beyond the canvas. Deborah Remington was active in San Francisco's underground art scene and helped found The Six Gallery in San Francisco, where, in October of 1955, Allen Ginsberg launched the Beat Generation with his reading of *Howl.* **ABOVE**: Deborah Remington, *Apropos*, 1953.

"taking in a gazillion shows in two, three days," including an abstract expressionist exhibit centered on Clement Greenberg and his fellow critic Harold Rosenberg. It featured several artists, including men of color and women, that she wasn't familiar with-even though many of them had studied with influential artists like Still or Hans Hoffman, and exhibited at important venues (including The Six Gallery in San Francisco, co-founded by Remington and site of the first public reading of Alan Ginsberg's Howl). She was inspired to bring a cohesive show of these women's powerful work, not to mention their stories, to a new audience. "No matter how much someone knows about art history, I probably have an artist or two that will surprise them," she said.

Chanzit limited the number of artists shown in the gallery to 12 (the catalogue includes more than 50) and the number of paintings to 51 so that each artist has her own space. "This individuality is something very special about the work. These paintings are very personal reactions to seasons,

people, time of day, an experience in a chapel or at a bullfight," she said and notes that very few of the pieces are untitled, an indicator that each is tied to a personal experience.

Long after the show ends, however, Denver will benefit from several permanent acquisitions made as a result of Chanzit's efforts. "Once I began my research and discovered these amazing pieces, I wanted people to be able to see some of this work long after the show closed. We have acquired seven pieces so far; some as purchases, some as gifts, by artists in the show or catalogue. DAM will now have a major collection of work by women in Abstract Expressionism."

It was important to Chanzit that the show be included with museum admission. "The experience of being among more than 50 spectacular, large-scale Abstract Expressionist works really is visually extraordinary, and we want it to be a happy surprise for visitors who aren't expecting it."

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#### WATCH

A 15-minute film that accompanies the show includes interviews with the three living artists, as well as with children or people close to some others. Chanzit and her team "searched high and low" to locate vintage clips to ensure that all 12 artists are represented. "This film really helps you understand the artists as individuals," she said.



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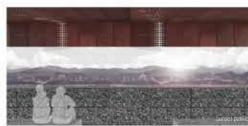






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erhaps no backstory better defines the modern entrepreneurial dream than a young upstart launching a risky venture from the dusty confines of their own garage. It's a narrative that applies to some of the great homegrown businesses of the era, from Disney to Hewlett-Packard to Apple. There's a romantic quality to the rags-to-riches story, but telling it in just two parts—first there were rags, later there were riches—tends to obscure the hard work that takes place in between, where success begets growth, and growth begets a whole slew of unforeseen challenges.

Indeed, history is littered with defunct businesses who failed to navigate the minefield of success, often because rapid growth leads to a looser grip on corporate identity. Companies strike it rich, they expand, and they forget who they are. New employees don't fit quite the same. New facilities don't reinforce the foundational principles upon which success was forged in the first place.

Once upon a time Curt Richardson founded OtterBox in his Fort Collins garage, and as recently as 2009, the protective case manufacturer was a firm of just 70 employees. Now they're up to more than 1,000, with offices in exotic locales like Ireland and Hong Kong. But most of their team remains in the northern Colorado town where it all began, in a series of buildings along a quiet tree-lined street just blocks from downtown. The newest addition to campus, a five-story building that houses primarily engineers—otherwise known as the minds who design and develop OtterBox products—goes a long way toward reinforcing Otter's own brand integrity. Here is an experiential building to match a company that makes experiential products.

Housing primarily engineers—otherwise known as the minds who design and develop OtterBox products—the Canyon Place facility is meant to evoke and support creativity. Nancy Richardson, who co-founded Blue Ocean Enterprises (which is the parent company of OtterBox and manages a handful of related companies) with husband Curt, is an interior designer by trade and was the driving force behind the Canyon Place project. At every turn, her attention to detail is apparent. "Whether or not people consciously recognize it," she said, "interiors have a huge impact on mood, motivation, innovation, and aligning with and supporting culture."



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"[THE INTERIOR DESIGN] IS LIKE A HOME-COOKED MEAL FROM A TOP-NOTCH CHEF, IT'S THE ACT OF PUTTING THOUGHT BEHIND SOMETHING THAT IS ESSENTIAL. SOMEONE WHO REALLY CARES IS GOING TO THINK ABOUT YOUR ALLERGIES, PREFERENCES, THE WAY YOU LIKE SOMETHING PREPARED. THEN THEY'LL COMBINE THE ARTFUL PRESENTATION WITH THE TECHNICALITY AND QUALITY OF THE INGREDIENTS. AND THAT'S HOW WE WANT PEOPLE TO FEEL HERE. IT'S HOW YOU SHOULD FEEL IN ANY WELL-DESIGNED SPACE." -LAURA ARLEDGE

To that end, Nancy and her Blue Ocean design team left no stone unturned during their 14-month design process. They interviewed staff from every department, asking pointed questions about work flow, peer interaction, and spatial requirements. They found clever ways to integrate core elements of OtterBox's culture into interior decisions big and small. And, ever mindful of the brand's growth trajectory, they took great care to craft open, adaptable spaces that wouldn't be rendered obsolete by new staff or restructured departments. "The most important thing for us to do as designers is to ask a lot of questions, and listen," said Laura Arledge, Lead Interior Designer for Blue Ocean.

Each floor of the five-story building is color-coded, with a particular emphasis on the recognizable blacks and yellows that permeate OtterBox's logo and products. The open work spaces feature flexible seating along 20-foot Steelcase Strike benching solutions, with enough leg room to avoid knocking knees with coworkers. There are no fully private offices, but there are 18 conference/meeting rooms and a handful of open seating areas for every department. (In an effort to retain some openness while still providing a measure of protection for the sometimes-secretive work that goes on inside, all conference rooms feature thoughtfully placed designs along the exterior glass. Like much of the building's decor, these designs are based on the tessellations and puzzles that define the engineers who work here. They also manage to obscure just enough of an outside viewer's perspective

to prevent prying eyes from gleaning any proprietary information scribbled on whiteboards.)

Conference rooms, however, are not the only places where tessellations and whiteboards play a prominent role. Throughout, parallels between carpet and ceiling patterns are subtly matched. Walls are angled in unusual and unexpected ways. Here and there, lighting tracks are recessed in a sly nod to the positive and negative forces governing the highlevel mathematical concepts upon which OtterBox products are engineered. To marry storage needs with impromptu collaboration spaces, back-painted magnetic Clarus glass board panels were placed on a Raumplus sliding track system, concealing builtin cubby holes. The result: functional white boards that double as a home for the hundreds of prototype storage cases, which were once stacked haphazardly in boxes and splayed across desks.

These subtle design details are complemented by more overt choices that speak directly to the sort of person who works for OtterBox—generally speaking, active and educated young people who thrive in a fast-paced environment. There are coffee bars on every floor and a latte machine in the lobby. There's a treadmill desk just steps the lobby. A dedicated private room for nursing mothers. A ping pong table in the basement where staffers host regular tournaments. And 500 square feet of indoor bike parking, complete with a garage door included to remind everyone, Curt and Nancy Richardson included, that this whole





thing started humbly, in a garage, not so long ago. "It's like a home-cooked meal from a top-notch chef," said Arledge. "It's the act of putting thought behind something that is essential. Someone who really cares is going to think about your allergies, preferences, the way you like something prepared. Then they'll combine the artful presentation with the technicality and quality of the ingredients. And that's how we want people to feel here. It's how you should feel in any well-designed space."

Predicting the future for any business is a murky endeavor best left to pundits and soothsayers. Nevertheless, with a continued focus on product development and accolades from organizations like IIDA, ASID, and Great Place to Work Institute, there's little doubt OtterBox has risen to meet the challenges of exponential growth. Rather than drifting away from the corporate identity that defines their brand, they leaned confidently into it. From the homey confines of their executive offices to the creative openness of the Canyon Place facility, here is a company that knows what (and who) it really is. And that's a recipe for success in any era.



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INTERIOR DESIGNER, OWNER, AND DEVELOPER:

Blue Ocean Enterprises

#### INTERIOR DESIGN TEAM:

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- •Laura Arledge •Andrea Smith
- Jacque Johnson
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TOP: Each conference room at OtterBox's Canyon Place facility features a unique design, and each serves a dual purpose: The patterns call to mind the tessellations that inspire Otter's engineers, but they also allow entrance to natural light while obscuring an outsider's view just enough to prevent sensitive information from peeking out. BOTTOM: The Blue Ocean design team was tasked with building an office 6,000 square feet larger than corporate headquarters, at 75 percent of the budget. They hit the target while also delivering a building with a high-performance envelope, energy-efficient HVAC system, and the first Air Barrier certification in Fort Collins.





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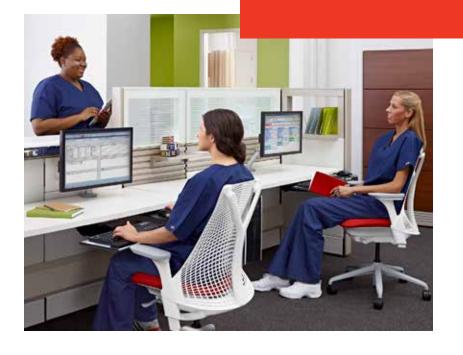
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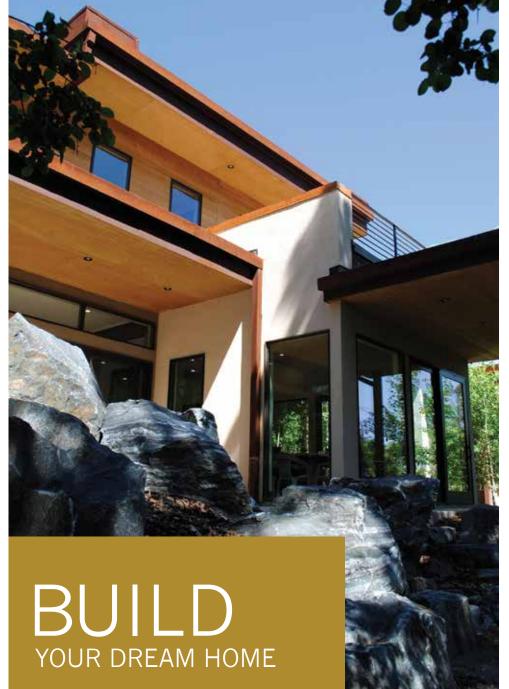
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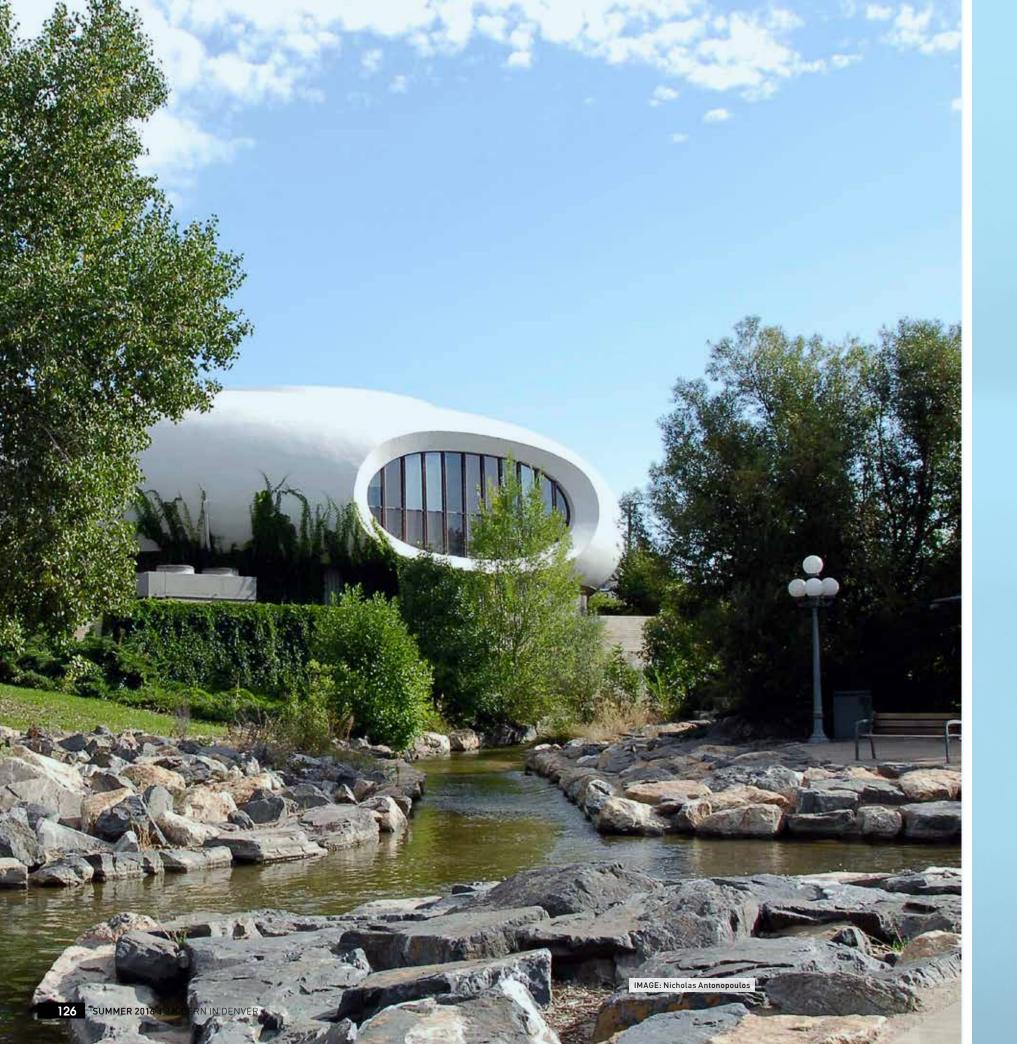
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-THE LEGACY OF CHARLES DEATON

# SCULPTING HISTORY

THE KEY SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION BUILDING IS A COLORADO TREASURE AND AN ENDURING EXAMPLE OF MID-CENTURY MODERNIST DESIGN. THE MAN BEHIND THE FAMOUS SPACESHIP BANK ON SOUTH BROADWAY IS CHARLES DEATON. HALF A CENTURY LATER, HIS WORK REMAINS AS VITAL AND INFLUENTIAL AS EVER.

WORDS: CHARLIE KEATON



HE building rests along a stretch of South Broadway in Englewood, an unassuming but iconic structure-part of the landscape's fabric after so many decades but still as eye-catching as the day it first appeared. The raw dimensions tell a muted version of the story: two floors, 32 feet of total height, and 10,000 square feet of interior space. More immediately visible are the dramatic flourishes: its asymmetrical ovoid shape punctuated by three distinct openings in the upper body, including a two-story niche that houses the main entrance. To the uninitiated passerby, the whole thing looks a little like a spaceship. But much like the man who designed it, the Key Savings and Loan Association building is immeasurably more than the sum of its eclectic parts.

Charles Deaton was not a Colorado native, but he is the architect behind two of our most historically significant structures-which ranks him among the most important designers in state history. He led a colorful life, beginning with the sort of impoverished Depression-era childhood (including years spent living in a tent on the Oklahoma prairie) that borders on romantic when viewed from a safe distance.

The son of a geologist and a painter, Deaton reflected both the artistic and scientific talents of his parents throughout his life. Unable to afford college, he invented a board game and found work as a commercial artist while still a teenager. When World War II hit, he worked at a Lockheed aircraft plant in California, transforming sheet metal into aerodynamic shapes through high-level engineering. And later, with no formal training whatsoever, Deaton moved to New York and began an architectural career that would take him to St. Louis and, eventually, Denver.

What a career it turned out to be. Deaton gave life to the Wyoming National Bank in Casper (for which he also designed the vaults, security mechanisms, office furniture, and lighting system); the Sculptured House in Genesee (widely known as the Sleeper House for its prominent place in the classic 1973 Woody Allen film); and the Harry S Truman Sports Complex in Kansas City (home to Arrowhead Stadium and the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs). He designed a number of high-profile projects that were never built, including properties in Colorado, California, Florida, and Saudi Arabia. At the time of his death in 1996, he also held more than 50 U.S. patents.

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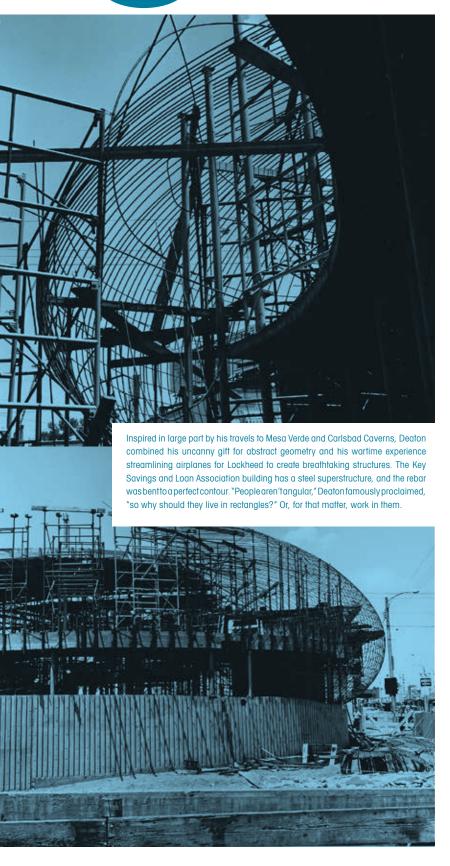
-Nicholas Antonopoulos

LEFT: Deaton's influence extended far beyond his chosen home of Colorado. He was a guest on NBC's "Today Show" with Hugh Downs in 1966, and later had a sculpture featured in an exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

**OPPOSITE:** The bank's lobby features a sculptural staircase  $with \, modulating \, steel \, hand rail \, leading \, to \, a \, curved \, balcony --- all \,$ of which underscores Deaton's penchant for creating fluid, beautifully functional architecture.



SCULPTING HISTORY



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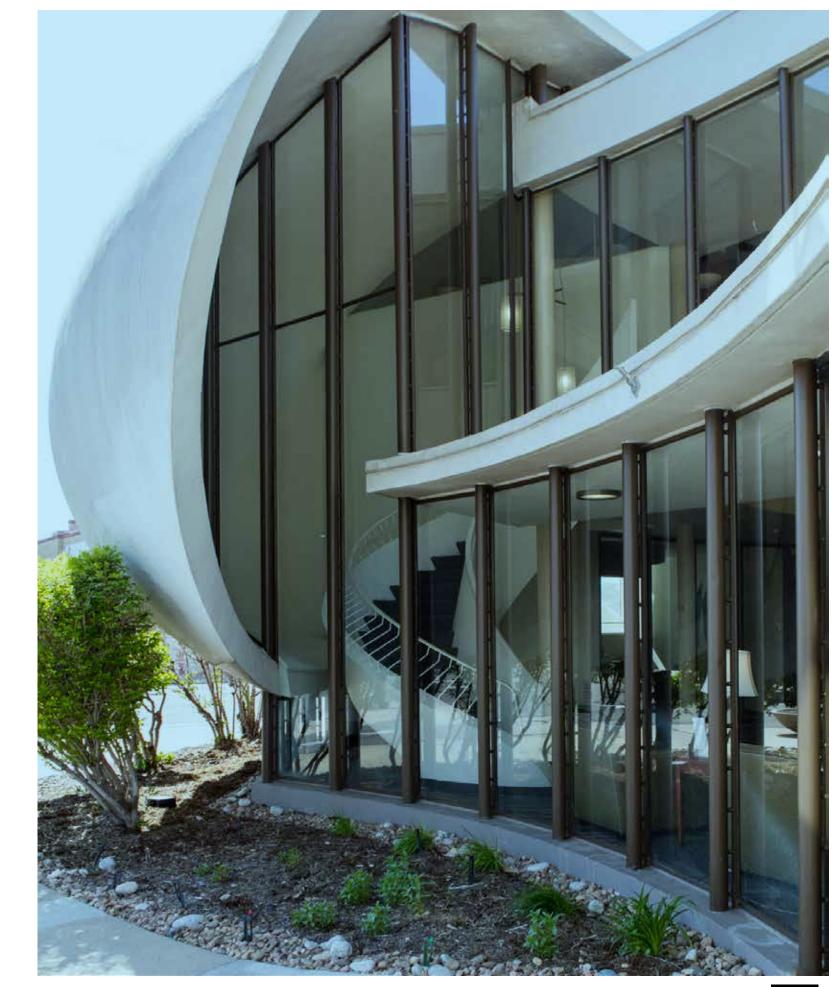
-Charlee Deaton

"Whether commercial or residential, everything he did was informed by this understanding of elliptical geometry," said Nicholas Antonopoulos, Principal and Head Designer of praXarc, who as a young man worked with Deaton and later became his son-in-law. "If you look at these structures, they just look right. The geometry is true."

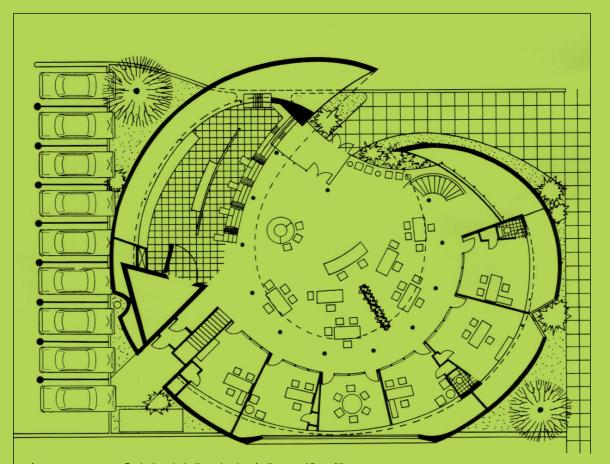
Perhaps the best example of Deaton's extraordinary grasp of form is the Key Savings and Loan Association building, completed in 1967. Now home to Community Banks of Colorado, its exterior features concrete pumped over the surface to a depth of three inches. It was then hand-troweled to a depth of six to nine inches. When this concrete layer was considered perfect, a final surface sealant was applied. The shape is pure Deaton: fluid but not arbitrary, organic but not amorphous. The building embodies some of the greatest virtues of mid-century Sculptural Expressionism while also managing to incorporate the proper scale and functionality that eluded so many of that movement's earliest practitioners. "He loved the organic forms in nature and the beautiful mathematical symmetries," said Deaton's daughter, Charlee, "and not what people call 'organic' projects that are really just sculptural design."

His distinctive style can partially be traced to lineage (scientist father plus artist mother), to professional experience (commercial artist plus aviation worker plus architect), and to his travels (Deaton himself pointed to Carlsbad Caverns and Mesa Verde as influences on his rejection of rectilinear tradition). But credit also his unorthodox design approach. Rather than beginning with drawings and working his way to models, Deaton inverted the process by starting with sculptures. According to historic preservation expert Diane Wray Tomasso, this was the antithesis of the field's accepted practice. "He would model figures of different sizes and place them within his sculptures to determine the final scale of the building in relation to the human form. At Key Savings, this approach created a remarkable feeling of intimacy."

To be sure, the public's initial reception of the Key Savings building was divided. "People were horrified, like he must be a kook or something," said Charlee. "But he was so far ahead of his time." And while there may have been a large contingent of puzzled onlookers, many of Deaton's contemporaries in the architectural and artistic communities recognized his greatness. His work was the subject of



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As was common among Deaton's projects, these drawings for the ground floor of the Key Savings building came after the creation of a defailed model, not before. Deaton cut his models into cross-sectional slices that could be transferred to graph paper, where they were traced and converted to working drawings.

In the days before Computer Aided Design (CAD), lifelike renderings were hard to come by. Charles Dealon, however, was a gifted artist capable of reading not just models and sculptures, but also exquisitely detailed drawings. This image is chalk on black paper—no easy feat, but executed to perfection in a manner that captures not only the shape and structure of the bank, but also its essence.

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# ACCRUED INTEREST

In the wake of The Great Depression and World War II, the banking industry shifted dramatically from its conservative, buttoned-down roots to an approach more in line with today's focus on customer service. In particular, a spike in home and car loans accelerated the credit economy, forcing banks to begin catering to customers in new ways. Convenience, accessibility, and aesthetics took on new significance.

A key component of this transformation was the incorporation of progressive architectural concepts. By introducing banks with a distinctly modern design, the industry hoped to project an image of warmth and efficiency—and to distance itself from the trauma of The Great Depression.

at Key Savings at the time, "We think the design of our new building represents a new and welcome departure from the sterile sameness of so much of today's commercial construction. It is a real showpiece on the corner it occupies, a contribution to the visual beauty and culture of the community."

magazine and journal articles, was featured in an exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and led to jobs designing even bigger, more ambitious projects. In 1969, he was presented with the Horatio Alger Award, a prestigious distinction that holds him in the company of luminaries like Buzz Aldrin, Maya Angelou, and Dwight Eisenhower, among others.

Here in Colorado, Deaton is not exactly a household name, but his legacy can hardly be overstated. The Key Savings building is among the most recognizable structures for hundreds of miles—a genuine Colorado historic treasure. Add to that the Sculptured House, the Wyoming National Bank, and the Truman Sports Complex, and the picture emerges of a man whose singular work accounts for some of the most beloved commercial, residential, and public architecture of the 20th century. That is an extraordinarily broad range of work—fitting for a man with such an extraordinarily broad range of talents, interests, and personal dynamics.

"He was beautifully articulate and so intelligent," said Charlee. "But the people he really loved engaging with were the engineers, the workers, the professional contractors. I think because of his background, that's where he felt more

During the course of his career, Deaton created just three sculptural buildings—the Sculptural House, the Key Savings Association Building, and the Wyoming National Bank. All three reside in the Rocky Mountain region, and two are in Colorado. "It's not just a local attraction or afantastic building," said historic preservation expert Diane Wray Tomasso of the Key Savings building,

comfortable." Perhaps it was that ability to connect so directly with the people who brought his designs to life that helped contribute to their beauty—and their timelessness. The Key Savings building, in particular, has only grown in stature over the decades, and it stands as a shining example of not only Colorado's Modernist history, but of the defining (and exhilarating) characteristics of post-war Expressionist design. Not bad for a self-taught architect with a background in airplanes and board games.

Special thanks to Diane Wray Tomasso for her contributions to this article.

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# **TAPPING** INTO THE FUTURE

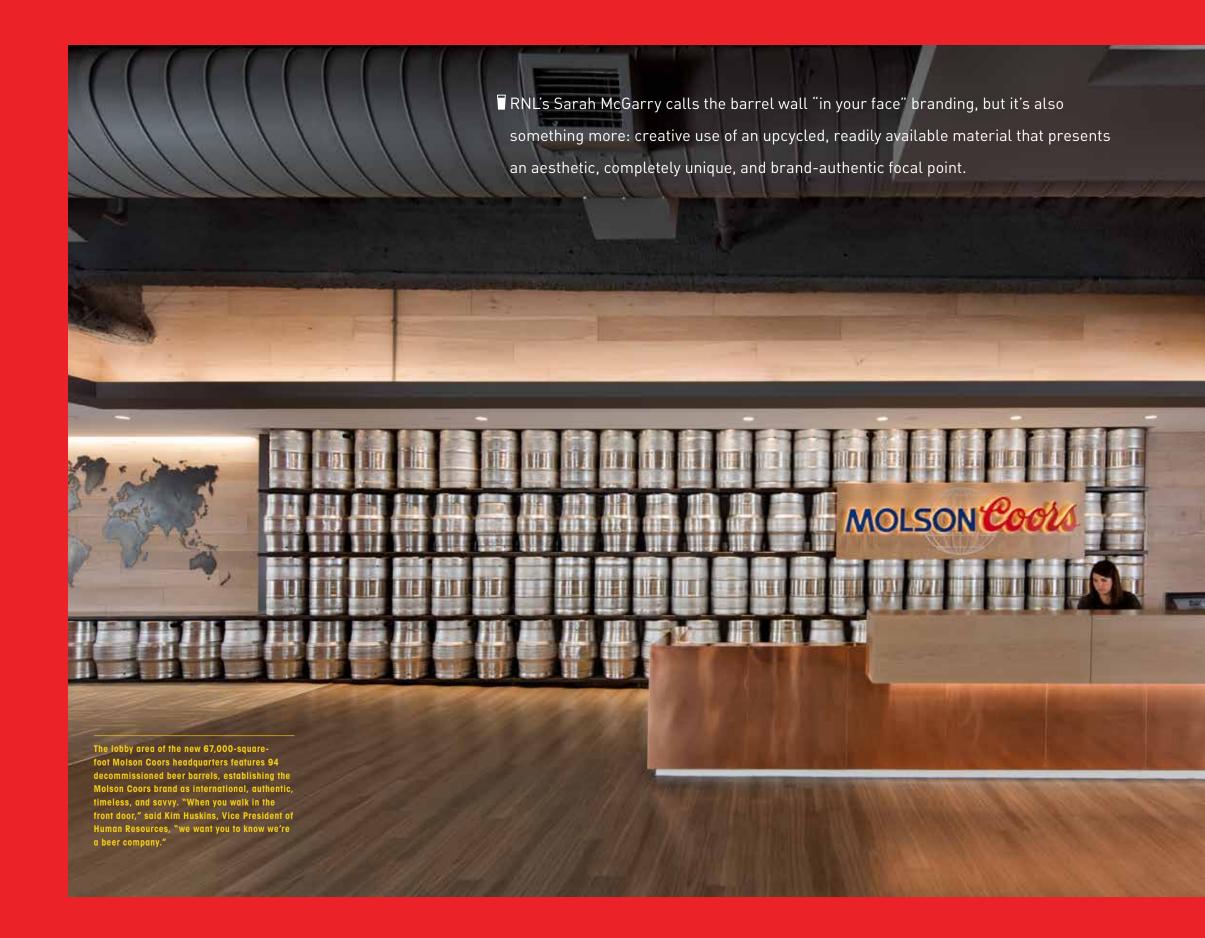
MOLSON COORS' NEW CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS CELEBRATES ITS STORIED PAST, LOYAL WORKFORCE, AND GLOBAL FUTURE—AND THE RESULT GOES DOWN EASY.

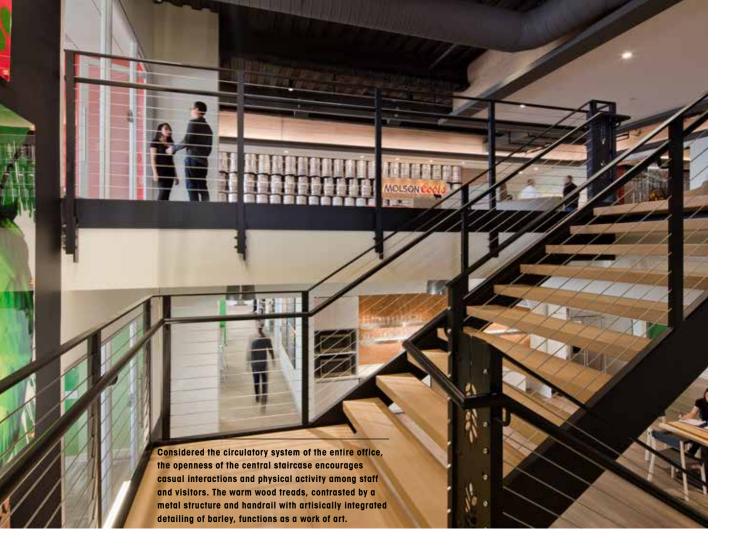
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ong known for its landmark brewery in Golden, Molson Coors' new Denver headquarters is a high-performance, high-tech, and highoffice tower. Sure, there are loads of design flourishes to admire. But before all that, there's the beer.

we want you to know we're a beer company," said Kim Huskins, Vice President of Human Resources. Huskins also wanted the project to feel open and airy while speaking to the company's global presence. In the self-serve bar stocks free Molson Coors products for off-duty employees and their guests.

94 authentic beer barrels that line the lobby walls. As Senior Interior Designer at RNL, Sarah McGarry led the project's design effort. She called the barrel wall "in your face" branding, but it's also something more: creative use of an upcycled, readily available material that views which punctuate the office space—a full panorama of every long and storied history in the Rocky Mountain region.





Despite this dash of cultivated nostalgia, Molson Coors' new headquarters represents a massive shift for the company. At 67,000 square feet, it combines people and functions previously split among two facilities (including the original brewery in Golden, which remains in use). The move provided an opportunity to reunite departments, foster greater collaboration, and improve operational efficiencies. But it also required significant change management, especially for those relocating from Golden—many of whom spent decades commuting to work in a smaller town with less traffic, free parking, and on-site amenities that included a wellness center and full cafeteria.

Moreover, a change in leadership brought the arrival of a new CEO, Mark Hunter, with a new vision for not only the company, but for this specific project. Hunter's European background provided a different perspective on what makes a successful office environment. Quiet spaces for concentrated work remained, but were complemented by "noise, busyness, open stairs, and a reception and pub area at the middle of the stack to bring people to the heart of the building," Huskins said.

McGarry worked closely with Huskins to get input from the executive team, as well as from other, less visible employee groups. She led an intense visioning process to ensure the final

product reflected the intentions, goals, and future needs of the Molson Coors staff. This led to the creation of flexible meeting space for up to 200 people, smaller and more collaborative work spaces, and an overall design philosophy that embraced the company's cultural brand (as defined by staff-identified descriptors like "collegial," "fun," and "transparent").

From there, RNL developed all aspects of the project, from programming to architectural interiors, while Molson Coors provided input culled directly from rank-and-file staffers. Several groups of employees even coalesced around decisions on furnishing options. "Our challenge," said Huskins, "was to balance the big, lofty vision of the executives with real, practical needs."

To that end, an open floor plan makes the most of gorgeous views and ample daylight, reducing energy consumption and improving employee morale. If the pub is the heart of the office, then the central staircase is its circulatory system, using imagery and a simple floor-based color code to assist with wayfinding. The staircase also functions as a standalone work of art, with wood treads complemented by dark metal in the framing, rails, and landing panels. Executive offices, while well-appointed and notable for the beer tap handles that serve





Merchants Office Furniture provided a sleek modular Inscape system as a base work station. And with unique touches such as beer-tap door pulls, Molson Coors has provided a variety of individual work environments while maintaining flexibility and brand consistency.





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Throughout the facility, saturated hues and vivid patterns play off natural materials such as metal and wood. By thoughtfully remixing the palette, the design ensured that a bank of elevators feels quite different from—and yet clearly related to—the on-site pub with views of the Rocky Mountains.

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as door pulls, are no larger than other offices, and are located internally as a way to maximize overall daylight penetration to all areas. Glass panel walls reinforce the notions of executive transparency and accessibility.

McGarry's chosen materials and finishes marry traditional with contemporary, making generous use of glass, wood, and metals. She pushed hard to balance the high-tech aspects of the work environment with more human elements. The neutral palette also allows for bright furnishings, an impressive collection of artwork, and colorful wall graphics that are easily switched out when change is desired. Designed by Steve Gammel at Integer Group, these large-format graphics express company values in a tidy package of personality, humor, and visual punch.



Noise levels are carefully factored in, and are based on each space's function: public, collaborative, meeting, or private. As the busiest (and most public) areas, the central staircase and pub are the loudest, both visually and aurally, with hard surfaces and open spaces creating a happy background buzz. At the other end of the spectrum, an interior wellness room offers a completely silent setting for nursing mothers—or any employee who just needs a few minutes of peace and quiet.

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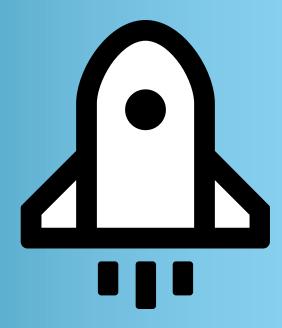
particular, is thrilled with what she says is a near-daily dose of "overwhelmingly positive feedback." Employees and visitors alike seem to enjoy the look and feel, or the splendid mountain views, or the pure functionality.

They don't seem to mind the free, self-serve pub, either.



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SESSION SPOTLIGHT

# SHIFTING GEARS: DESIGN AND THE DRIVERLESS CAR REVOLUTION

SPEAKER: Rutt Bridges
DATE: Monday July 11, 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Clyfford Still Museum

on't look now, but the future is breathing down our necks. From talking phones to the Internet of Things, our world suddenly looks like yesterday's science fiction. Among the most visible—and potentially disruptive—technological advances is the driverless car, which threatens to upend not only our social and economic norms, but also the urban landscape as we know it. What will the world look like once our primary method of transformation shifts so dramatically?

Author Rutt Bridges (*Driverless Car Revolution*) is among the foremost authorities on this subject, and his keynote presentation on July 11 covers a wide range of implications. From the way we design cars to the way we design cities, the future of the automobile might just redefine the built environment in the 21st century. Come experience tomorrow's reality, today.









# KRISANA PARK WALKING TOUR: DENVER'S MID-CENTURY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**GUIDES:** Annie Levinsky, Abigail Christman, Becca Dierschow

**DATE:** Sunday, July 10, 11 a.m. and noon **LOCATION:** Krisana Park





ans of classic mid-century modern homes already know Krisana Park, the wonderfully unique enclave of 175 homes inspired by the designs of Joseph Eichler. But longtime admirers stand to gain just as much as the uninitiated in this guided walking tour, led by the intrepid minds of Historic Denver.

Participants will learn about the history of Krisana Park, its architectural significance, and how a customized zoning overlay is on track to distinguish the neighborhood as the city's first mid-century modern Conservation District. With its expansive front lawns, low slung roofs, and horizontal orientation, there's a lot to admire—and protect—in Denver's Krisana Park. Come along for a walking neighborhood tour that is sure to educate, inspire, and contribute to your daily dose of Vitamin D.



#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

FRIDAY JULY 8

LAUNCH PARTY

SATURDAY JULY 9

NOON & 1PM RENOVATION DONE RIGHT: CHARLES HAERTLING HOME TOURS

2PM & 3PM LANDSCAPE TOUR: TRANQUILITY AMONG CHAOS

4PM STUDIO TOUR: BEHIND THE SCENES OF VONMOD LTD.

SUNDAY JULY 10

10AM CHAOS FORMS COHESIVENESS: A DESIGN SWARM
11AM & NOON KRISANA PARK WALKING TOUR: DENVER'S MIDCENTURY MODERN CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2PM & 3PM HILLTOP HOME TOUR: CLASSIC PRINCIPLES THROUGH A MODERN LENS

MONDAY JULY 11

10AM A S\*PARK OF INSPIRATION: HOW BRANDING AFFECTS PLACE

NOON VIRTUALLY A REALITY: INCORPORATING VR IN YOUR DESIGN PRACTICE

2PM SENSORY ARCHITECTURE: APPLYING HOLISTIC APPROACH TO DESIGN

6PM SHIFTING GEARS: DESIGN AND THE DRIVERLESS CAR REVOLUTION

TUESDAY JULY 12

10AM DESIGN MEETS EFFICIENCY: INSIDE THE NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY (NREL)
NOON THENEWKITCHENCONSUMER: HOW USER EXPERIENCE HAS CHANGED THE MOST IMPORTANT ROOM IN THE HOUSE
2PM EXPANDING YOUR AGENCY: HOW TO MAKE (AND GET) MORE FROM YOUR DESIGN BUSINESS
6PM WHAT'S NEXT FOR DENVER: HARNESSING THE POWER OF OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT

**WEDNESDAY JULY 13** 

10AM ZEITGEIST IN MODERN DESIGN: TAPPING INTO THE SPIRIT OF AN ERA
NOON SHOW AND TELL: THE SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PHOTOGRAPHY & ARCHITECTURE
2PM INFORMATION IS CHEAP, MEANING IS EXPENSIVE: THE GROWING NEED FOR DATA STORYTELLING
6PM EQUITY BY DESIGN: WHY WE NEED TO REPRESENT THE DEMOGRAPHICS WE SERVE

THURSDAY JULY 14

10AM BEYOND THE TRANSACTION: TRENDS, TECH, AND THE MODERN CONSUMER EXPERIENCE
NOON REGARDING DENVER: PRINCIPLES FOR AN ENDURING CITY

2PM MODERN BUILDINGS ARE HISTORIC, TOO: A GUIDE TO PRESERVATION
6PM TAPPING INTO DESIGN: THE CRAFT OF BREWERY BRANDING AND IDENTITY

FRIDAY JULY 15

CLOSING KEYNOTE-ANDREW ZOLLI: DESIGN FOR A DISRUPTIVE AGE

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## WHAT'S NEXT FOR DENVER: HARNESSING THE POWER OF OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT

SPEAKERS: Jeff Sheppard, Brad Buchanan, Tobias Strohe, Jonathan Alpert, and Beth Mosenthal

DATE: Tuesday, July 12, 6 p.m. **LOCATION:** Room & Board

Our skyline is changing, but that's not what can our community do to contribute positively to the end result? over town, Denver's entire cityscape is in the midst of a dramatic reinvention Featuring a keynote presentation from right before our eyes. But do all these renowned architect Jeff Sheppard, as new structures meet the criteria for good well as a panel discussion and Q&A with design held by other cities? What drives Denver Planning Director Brad Buchanan, the design process for today's commercial, developer Jonathan Alpert, and architects residential, and multi-family buildings? Tobias Strohe and Beth Mosenthal, this What factors contribute to the overall is one of Denver Design Week's most elevation of our built environment? And anticipated events.





## TAPPING INTO DESIGN: THE CRAFT OF BREWERY BRANDING AND IDENTITY

LOCATION: Renegade Brewhouse at The Yard on Santa Fe









olorado is the unofficial craft beer capital of the country, with nearly 300 breweries dotting our landscape. But in such a crowded marketplace, how do these brands differentiate from one another? How do they build customer loyalty? The answer has less to do with secret brewing recipes and more to do with brand identity. From labels to logos and packaging to interior design, craft breweries build their businesses through the effective deployment of good design. Key players from Renegade, Our Mutual Friend, and Great Divide join design experts from Trio Environments and Anthem Branding to lead a session filled with insights suitable for any brewer, beer enthusiast, designer, advertiser, or aspiring entrepreneur. There's plenty to see and plenty to learn, no matter your background or drinking preference. (Also: free beer!)

# ANDREW ZOLLI

## **CLOSING KEYNOTE: DESIGN FOR A DISRUPTIVE AGE**

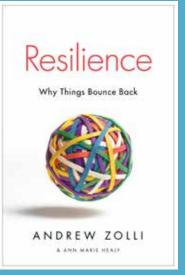
SPEAKER: Andrew Zolli DATE: Friday, July 15, 6 p.m. **LOCATION:** Denver Art Museum

hat trends and ideas will shape the 21st century? How resilient are our systems, people, and businesses? What factors contribute to the challenges and opportunities we face on a daily basis? And what role will design play in bringing humanity's best tools to bear on our biggest problems?

Andrew Zolli works at the intersection of global innovation, foresight, social change, and resilience. He travels the world exploring these issues, from Palau to Palestine, with an emphasis on developing new strategies for personal, urban, community, climate, and organizational resilience. He is a Fellow of the National Geographic Society and advises senior leadership teams for GE, PwC, Nike, and Facebook, among others. His book (with Ann Marie Healy), Resilience: Why Things Bounce Back, is published by Simon and Schuster in the U.S. and in many other languages and territories around the world.

Zolli's closing keynote address at Denver Design Week will explore the emerging forces of change that provide unprecedented opportunity to build a world that is more beautiful, more inclusive, and more resilient. As a thought leader known for helping people and systems thrive amid disruption, he is the ideal capstone to a week of learning, collaboration, and design thinking. Join Zolli on a "walking tour" of emerging forces of change ... and prepare to be inspired.





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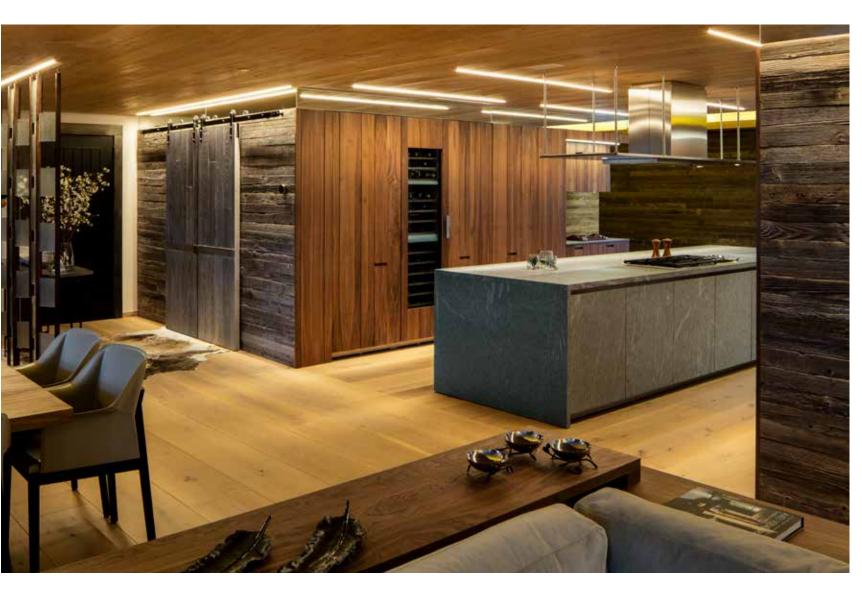
HOW DO DESIGNERS TRANSCEND GEOGRAPHY FOR TRANSATLANTIC CUSTOMIZATION? FOR LUXURY ITALIAN KITCHEN BRAND BOFFI, BLENDING A WORLD-CLASS KITCHEN SEAMLESSLY INTO A COLORADO MOUNTAIN HOME REQUIRED A TEAM OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS.

# ELEGANCE ELEVATED

VAIL HAS LONG BEEN THE BENEFICIARY OF NATURAL OPULENCE: RESORTS, CULTURAL ENCLAVES, AND YEAR-ROUND ATTRACTIONS HAVE CREATED AN INTERNATIONAL PULL TO THE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY. IT'S NO WONDER, THEN, THAT IT'D BE HOME TO A GLOBE-SPANNING KITCHEN PROJECT, TRAVERSING FROM MEXICO TO MIAMI AND ACROSS TO ITALY BEFORE CALLING COLORADO HOME.

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ELEGANCE ELEVATED.



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-SIMON HAMUI, KITCHEN DESIGNER

Integrating the existing appliances by Miele, Sub-Zero, and Wolf proved key to a seamless experience. While other components were panel-ready, the Boffi team provided a custom solution for the wine cooler, integrating the same built-in wood handle setup found throughout the kitchen and even including a hidden key lock below to secure the door when needed.

PRECISELY 5,317 MILES SEPARATE THE SLOPES OF BLUE SKY BASIN FROM LENTATE, ITALY, THE HOME OF INTERNATIONAL LUXURY BRAND BOFFI. AT FIRST, THE DIFFERENCE IS STRIKING—THE RUNWAYS OF MILAN (JUST SOUTH OF THE COMPANY'S HOME BASE) COULDN'T BE FURTHER FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS' RUGGED TERRAIN. BUT A DEEPER LOOK BRINGS THEIR SIMILARITIES TO LIGHT. BEAUTY. SIMPLICITY. POWERFULLY MELLIFLUOUS, DEFINED BY PURITY AND LINEARITY.

It is this contoured connection that led to the truly collaborative process of turning a private residence at the Four Seasons Resort Vail into a modern masterpiece. The Mexicobased clients sought to create a space wellsuited for entertaining, and effortlessly blend both Boffi's Italian elegance with the discreet rustic feel familiar to mountain environs. According to designer Simon Hamui, the guiding principle was to create a loft-like open space, simultaneously evincing airy relaxation with stylish sophistication. The key was integrating "... modern design style and understanding the mountain life and surroundings; a good exploration of materials and textures in a natural state is vital," said Hamui. "To integrate the contemporary design language with the easy, relaxed, informal and organic lifestyle of the mountains is key."

Framed within Boffi's Xila line (designed by Luigi Massoni), the central cross-point of the open flow between living space and kitchen is undoubtedly the unique signatory island. Designers landed upon Pietra Del Cardoso, a highly-compressed Italian sandstone which is honed-not polished-for the island's top, sides, and cabinets. Introduced in the Solferino showroom at Italy's Salone (and not far from its source), it is a subtle exclamation that, according to Miami-based Boffi Sales Manager Valeria Torriani, was a central component for this groundbreaking project. "This was the first Boffi kitchen made in stone for retail use. The use of stone was mandatory, particularly Cardoso, which has natural veins on a beautiful light grey base."

The central component serves as both anchor and guide for movement throughout the space, but was not without its challenges. Island cabinet doors are comprised of 6-millimeter stone on a 16-millimeter melamine supporting panel—which,

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#### **BOFFI COMES TO COLORADO**

BOFFI MAY BE NEW TO COLORADO (WITH A RINO SHOWROOM OPENING THIS FALL), BUT THE ITALIAN LUXURY LINE IS STEEPED IN A LONG HISTORY OF DESIGN. FOUNDED IN 1934, ITS KITCHENS, BATHS, STORAGE SYSTEMS, AND ACCESSORIES HAVE BECOME INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED. PILING UP PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS LIKE THE RED DOT AND COMPASSO D'ORO ALLA CARRIERA. WE SAT DOWN WITH SALES MANAGER ANN HOFMEISTER TO LEARN ABOUT BOFFI'S MOVE TO THE MILE HIGH CITY AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THEIR FUTURE.

#### MID: WHAT ATTRACTED BOFFI TO COLORADO?

**Ann Hofmeister:** Colorado is booming—we kept hearing about the incredible work going on throughout the state, from Denver to Boulder and up in the mountains. Colorado has an amazing design community, so it made sense for Boffi to have a presence.

#### MID: WHAT IS THE DESIGN PROCESS LIKE?

AH: Boffi has a long history of renowned designers we've worked with—everyone from Joe Colombo, who designed the famous mini kitchen in 1963, to Patricia Urquiola, to Piero Lissioni, who acts as our Art Director. Boffi mixes traditional and innovative methods. We have around 12 different styles of kitchens, all of which can be completely customized to suit the needs of our clients and their space. A kitchen space, and ultimately how it functions, can be very personal—every person uses a kitchen differently. We listen to clients' needs and find solutions to fit their lifestyles as well as the space.

#### MID: WHO IS THE TYPICAL BOFFI CLIENT?

AH: The Boffi client is someone who looks for a high-quality product from a company that has a history of quality and innovation. It's a personal process of customization down to the millimeter and more accessible than people realize. We have finishes that range from laminate to solid wood to matte lacquers and high-gloss lacquer. Whatever the material is, we work to make it beautiful for the individual.







TOP: Recessed 2700K LED lighting strips are connected to upper soffits and provide a warm, seamless illumination throughout the space. MIDDLE: The island panels consist of 6-millimeter stone affixed to 16mm of supporting melamine, and—thanks to sustainable toxicity and water-resistant practices are environmentally certified ISO 14001. BOTTOM: In addition to storage of pots and pans, functional flow continues thanks to the island drawer inserts contained within the finely-honed stone drawers that close perfectly flush. **OPPOSITE:** With alternating thicknesses of 20 and 23 millimeter, the tall Canaletto walnut creates a three-dimensional effect and houses handles integrated into the cabinet.

through beautiful fronts, created a weight-bearing issue for traditionally hinged doors. The resulting decision was an all-drawer interface, a central component of the Xila configuration. Opened by handrail, the resulting flushed lines complement the monolithic impact created by the solid honed surface.

Warmer wooden textures continue to meld mountain and Milanese, as evidenced by the wall units. Done in solid Calnetto walnut, alternating slats of varying thickness create a three-dimensional "sawn effect." They are finished with natural vegetable oil-based waxes, and have handles smoothly integrated into the cabinets. Within and beyond, the space also features a white-oiled wide plank natural oak floor, a natural unfinished oak ceiling, and reclaimed thin wood stripes for the corridor wall. "As an open design, [connected to] the living room and also serving as a passageway from public to the more private areas, the kitchen had to seamlessly mend to the rest of the interior," said Hamui. "Having solid wood, raw finishes, and fullyintegrated appliances, it did just that."

But how does one deliver this complementary blend of kitchen components across continents? It turns out the project's workflow mirrored the seamless convergence of styles found throughout the finished product, and, according to Torriani, was well-worth the time it took to deliver.

Starting with space specifications, the team examined what could be transformed, working around existing appliances. Next, a full interior design proposal was constructed with local architect David Sorensen, and once done, presented to the client. The kitchen was produced in Italy, shipped to Miami, and loaded onto a truck destined for Colorado. Once on site, specialized local teams were enlisted to put together the casework and furnishings. "With today's tools ... it is actually very fluid and takes advantage of the worldwide design community," said Hamui. And though they faced some challenges with codes and permits, "working with local architects and contractors helped us overcome these obstacles. But not without arduous work and creativity."

It is this coordinated craft and creativity that resulted in a truly world-class kitchen, blending Italian elegance with a natural Coloradoan context. The result is an exquisite space for entertaining that flows and functions as smoothly as first tracks. And as for the ultimate arbiter of success? "The clients have told me the whole place lives very comfortably, and interacts well socially," said Hamui. "They find it soothing and relaxing to come home to."

No individual component may be an island unto itself, but together, each piece contributes to the whole.







ake a spin down Larimer Street in Denver's River North Art District and you'll see a cavalcade of color adorning exteriors. Not just relegated to alleyways and overpasses, these magnificent murals are often front and center, celebrating the exploding art scene and welcoming everyone equally who steps foot into the community. That's the beauty of public art: Instead of being relegated to gallery walls, it forces interaction with the ever-changing urban environment, often in unexpected ways. And though change undeniably brings with it important challenges, there's also opportunity to relish beauty and find

So what better way to celebrate these sentimentsof temporality, exuberance,

solutions, however ephemeral.

and surprise—than by putting them on cookies? That was the idea behind the Painted City project, coordinated by Go Play Denver Founde Tara Bardeen. The Go Pla website, newsletter, and social media presence offers a voice to fun and enriching events in Denver. "We could just have published a Q&A, but why not have a painted marcaron?" said Bardeen.

Inspired by murals found along Larimer (specifically between 26th and 29th Avenues), Painted City pairs local artists noted for public space contributions with Black Eye Coffee's Capitol Hill location. From Victoriano Rivera to Molly Bounds and Jeremy Burns, a new artist profile is unveiled each week on the Go Play Denver site, along with accompanying bite-sized companion piece



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to look far for tasty inspiration as part of the ecent Painted City project. The edible art series cicked off with a mural by Pedro Barrios and Ja dolina on the MOTO building, which houses the raft coffee storefront.





Consumina Starting with Bounds' initial sketch, the pastry





at the craft cafe. "This is a love letter to my city," said Bardeen. "I love the energy and people moving here—when people come, I want them to feel woven into the fabric of the city."

A lifelong Coloradan, Bardeen notes the changes her beloved city has undergone since the 1980s and how the accessibility of public murals help to transcend class divisions by bringing art outside. The built-in collective experience, by default, provides a prompt, and subsequently, the opportunity to engage with and learn from those around you—about the art, about the artist, and about your neighbors. "It adds a layer of richness and understanding about the built environment when we have personal stories," she said. Organic, unexpected interaction is what led to the development of Go Play Denver, as well as the profile of each artist to explore their individual stories. "I enjoy the sense of connecting people and being able to help people connect to others," said Bardeen. "People want more richness and engagement now. Hopefully they see the macarons and want to learn the story. Hopefully they'll go see the artists work. I like to spark adventures."

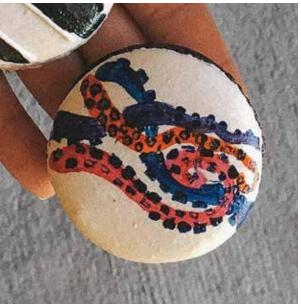
But how exactly does one translate spray paint to something more confectionary? According to Black Eye Coffee Pastry Chef Ann Marie Trent, the entire endeavor is time- and planning-intensive. Along with fellow Pastry Chef Alicia Luther, they begin



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sting of a website, newsletter, and curated calendar of low-cost events, Tara Bardeen's Go Play over is all about getting Denverites to go out and play—and learn a little about one another in the rocess. Inspired by both the accessibility of public parks and artistic engagement of museum exhibits, ne project began in 2012 and highlights everything from obscure film series to the MCA's Penny





Lauren YoungSmith's Colorado Crush mural at 27th and Larimer showcases the vibrant color and swirling curvature that translated into temptingly tasty tendrils for the featured piece on May 25. And if you look closely, you'll notice the silver Aspen leaf—a subtle tribute to the street the artist grew up on. by making the macaron shells (a lengthy process in its own right) before researching the featured artist and their particular style, then replicating it all on little edible easels. Due to the level of involvement and meticulousness, each effort takes about two full workdays. "I pick the murals I want to showcase and plan out how I think I can best portray the artist's work," said Trent. "I'm not an artist like this by any means, but I enjoy the process."

That process—of blending unexpected forms to both

pay tribute to and compose part of a new story—is what makes Painted City successful in its execution. Connective narrative is what binds, whether that's one person to another or Krylon to concrete. It's what Painted City finds in the richness of shared humanity, of knowing the story about a giraffe painted for an artist's daughter (courtesy of featured artist Mike Graves). So why not share a story ... and a cookie? "The city falls in love with itself through arts and culture," said Bardeen. "It's the magic and unexpected surprises—helping people find that is meaningful.

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Consuming AK

eometric rainfall dances down the exterior of RedLine, a center for contemporary arts at 23rd and Arapahoe. Artist in-residence Sandra Fettingis created the inspiration for the

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#### THE ARTISTS

The Painted City macaron series spotlights a new artist every week. Get a street artinspired macaron of your own at Black Eye Coffee in Capitol Hill until July 6.

#### ARTISTS FEATURED:

APRIL 13

Pedro Barrios, @pbarriosart Jaime Molina, @cuttyup

Molly Bounds, @moldybongs

Jeremy Burns, @jaysaybay

Sandra Fettingis, @sandrafettingis

**MAY 11** 

Mike Graves, @mikeroane

**MAY 18** 

Victoriano Rivera, @yungleeo **MAY 25** 

Lauren Youngsmith, @lolo.ys

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#### KITCHEN + FOOD DESIGN







rom young professionals to empty nesters, a growing number of people are opting for smaller and more functional living spaces. But no matter the size or scale, having a great kitchen is still a top priority.

That's the inspiration behind the Kitch' T, an all-in-one kitchen unit from Serbian designer Irena Kilibarda's dsignedby brand. Featuring built-in Bosch appliances, cooking and washing areas, and outlets for water and electrical connections, the Kitch' T is fully adaptable and completely mobile. There are no

upper cabinets, and the look is sleek, with handle-free solid Red Oak doors and a Corian worktop. There's even a Table T seating area that comfortably hosts up to three people.

Kilibarda, who splits time between Paris, Hong Kong, Milan, and her native Serbia, comes from an architectural background. With dsignedby, she's using that experience to help create original furniture and products that marry functional simplicity with cutting edge technology. And that's appetizing in any language.

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#### AT A GLANCE: THE KITCH' T

- Dimensions: 365 cm x 92/76 cm
- Corian Worktop
- Solid Red Oak Cabinets
- Three-Person Seating Area
- Built-In Bosch Appliances
- Waterworks Atlas R.W. Bar Faucet
- Hafele Hardware Systems
- Loox Warm LED Light
- Dometic Minibar
- Electrical and USB Sockets
- Built-In Mobile Charger





#### KITCHEN + FOOD DESIGN







# FLOUR POWER

GOT A QUESO THE MUNCHIES? AN INGENIOUS AT-HOME TORTILLA MAKER LETS YOU BUILD A BURRITO FROM SCRATCH IN A RED HOT MINUTE.

WORDS: CORY PHARE

hen it comes to tortillas, there's no substitute for the warmth and freshness of homemade goodness. The flatev, billed as the first at-home artisan tortilla maker, goes from dough pod to dispensed flat bread in about one minute. Just pop in your selection (showcased flavors include traditional flour and corn, as well as chili, garlic, and cinnamon), press the start button, and the baking unit quickly cooks the dough to your desired specifications. And unlike similar single-serving systems, the dough pods are recyclable—developed with polypropylene plastic No. 5, they make their way into the recycling stream the same way as your yogurt container.

For inspiration, flatev's founders tapped both familial and familiar coffee pod concepts. Launched on Kickstarter, their crowdfunding page outlines the project's design evolution, from 2012's garage-based pneumatic proof of concept (using a Kinder chocolate egg as a test pod) to today's third prototype, dubbed The Carnitas. The newest model recently relocated its industrial design processes stateside, moving from Switzerland to Mountain View-based Bould Design, and highlights new features like crispness adjustment and a drawer for dough pods.

Beyond function, the sleek design is also playful. Its "piggy-like" aesthetic gives a certain credence to the Carnitas namesake. A true Kickstarter success story, flatev has already raised close to triple its initial funding goal, with delivery scheduled to begin in 2017. It's not too late to get on board, and backers can choose several tiers of support, from a basic single unit to a distributor special package—for \$2,800, supporters receive 10 machines and enough dough pods to make nearly 500 tortillas!

For flatev, the recipe is simple: Go from dough to fajitas in a flash. And that's a wrap.

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# **COLD FRESH**

FOOD PROCESSORS HAVE BEEN AROUND IN VARIOUS FORMS FOR A LONG TIME. BUT FOR THOSE WHO DEMAND A LOT FROM THEIR KITCHEN APPLIANCES, YOU'LL BE COLD-PRESSED TO FIND ANOTHER JUICER THIS INNOVATIVE.

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t turns out that eating five servings of fruits and vegetables per day—the USDA-recommended amount—isn't the easiest thing to do. That's a big reason why Doug Evans created Juicero, a smart appliance delivering nourishing cold-pressed juice in an attempt to address an issue the company refers to as the "Produce Gap." No stranger to nutrient optimization (think meal-replacement Soylent), Silicon Valley sat up and took notice—and investment in the raw food, vegan-friendly venture commenced.

So how does Juicero deliver a cold-pressed single serving of a daily dose? The process is surprisingly simple. After setting up the countertop unit and coordinating a weekly supply subscription, just pop in a sealed juice pack containing finely chopped organic fruits and veggies. Hit the button, and in a couple of minutes you're enjoying fresh farm-to-glass greens—by way of Juicero's preparation facility, of course.

This ain't your father's infomercial-acquired juicer, however. Behind the sleek exterior and clean lines lie an incredibly complex and fine-tuned system: As a smart device, the unit boasts net connectivity to download real-time updates. Sensors scan QR codes on juice packs to determine precise pressing profiles and deliver glass-ready goodness. And the corresponding app for iOS/Android provides unparalleled levels of information from nutrition to peak freshness. Ever want to know what farms your flora originated from? Now you can.

Available in California, Juicero has future plans to bring its brand of herbaceous amalgamation to the rest of the country. Current packs include greens (kale, spinach, romaine, celery, lemon, and cucumber), sweet greens (with apple and pineapple), spicy greens (featuring the kick of jalapeño), carrot beet, and sweet root (including carrot, apple, and ginger). Go ahead. Get juicin'.

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THE CITY THAT NEVER **SLEEPS IS ALSO THE CITY THAT NEVER** TIRES OF BOLD NEW **BUILDINGS—AND THIS SUMMER HERALDS A** TRANSCENDENT MOMENT IN NEW YORK CITY ARCHITECTURE.

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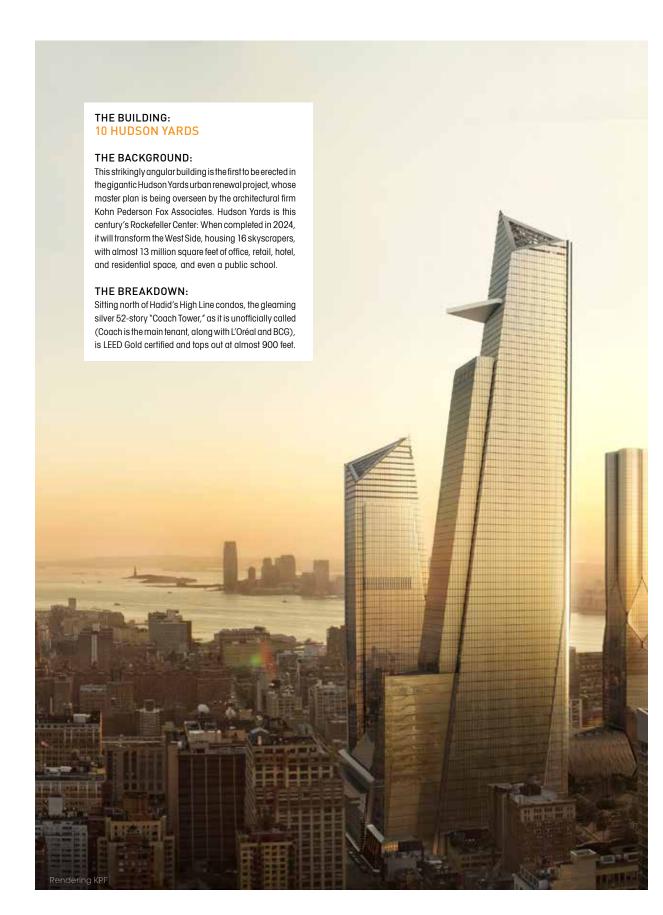
ndulating, soaring, tilting, and generally pushing the envelope in terms of shape, height, and texture, Manhattan's profile is changing radically, thanks to recent projects by a whole galaxy of "starchitects," from Danish wunderkind Bjarke Ingels to such architectural gods as Santiago Calatrava and Renzo Piano.

Looking like a giant Erector Set, Manhattan is currently experiencing an influx of "supertalls" that will rival the Empire State Building and forever change the canopy of what Kurt Vonnegut once famously called "Skyscraper National Park." In addition to One World Trade (1,776 feet tall), One57 (1,005 feet), and 432 Park (1,396 feet), three

buildings that are already poking their noses into the clouds, six more towers are currently rising that will be close to or above 1,000 feet high, including three more buildings at Hudson Yards on the West Side; the JDS tower at 111 W. 57th, 1,428 feet when finished: and the tallest of the bunch, Extell's Central Park (or Nordstrom) Tower at 217 W. 57th Street, which will eventually top out at 1,550 feet. But size isn't everything. Take a summer walking tour of Manhattan, and you will see a truly eye-popping array of 21stcentury buildings that rival such 20th-century New York classics as Daniel Burnham's Flatiron Building, William Van Alen's Chrysler Building, and Frank Lloyd Wright's cylindrical Guggenheim

Museum. The new crop plays with conventional notions of shape (like Ingels's tetrahedral "Magic Pyramid" on West 57th and Calatrava's soaring World Trade Center transportation hub, which actually appears to be taking flight); materials (Frank Gehry's crimped and folded IAC Building in lower Manhattan as well as a new "see-through" educational building at the Cooper Union); and even economics (like Carmel Place, the city's first micro-unit apartment building, where the Lilliputian residences underscore the notion that big things come in small packages).

On these pages, we've included a guide to 16 must-see stops. To paraphrase Frank Gehry, they speak of their time and place, but still yearn for timelessness.









# THE BUILDING: WHITNEY MUSEUM OF ART AT GANSEVOORT

#### THE BACKGROUND:

Opening last fall in Manhattan's Meatpacking District to hold the Whitney's bursting-at-the-seams collection of 20th-century and contemporary American art, the museum's new home lies at 99 Gansevoort Street, between the Hudson River and Diller Scofidio + Renfro's stunning High Line urban park (completed in September 2014 and also worth a visit).

#### THE BREAKDOWN:

Considered by some to be as much of a masterpiece as the collection inside, Italian architect Renzo Piano's asymmetrical eight-story building, which looks like a stack of different-sized blocks, has multiple tiered outdoor terraces, four floors of gallery space (including an 18,000-square-foot, column-free, fifth-floor gallery that is the largest open-plan gallery in NYC), an enormous ground-floor plaza facing the Hudson, and a third-story theater with double-height views of the river.

# THE BUILDING: VIA 57 WEST

#### THE BACKGROUND:

The jaw-dropping tetrahedron, at 625 West 57th Street off the West Side Highway, was designed by Bjarke Ingels, a Rem Koolhaas protégé who runs the architectural firm BIG and has a stellar résumé: He's also working on Two World Trade Center, the new Google campus in California, and the Smithsonian renovation in D.C.

#### THE BREAKDOWN:

Looking like a gigantic yacht sailing up the west side of Manhattan Island, the recently opened, metal-clad 709-unit apartment building (including 142 affordable units) is yet another anchor in the burgeoning 57th Street area. With a huge slice taken out of the middle of the pyramid to house a 22,000-square-foot central courtyard and garden, the multi-purpose building includes a children's playroom, a basketball court, a lap pool, and a screening room. Whoa.



#### THE BUILDING:

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#### THE BACKGROUND:

Wedged into a small lot at 517 W. 23rd St. in Chelsea, this 14-story condo tower is the first free-standing building designed by the Texas-born, L.A.-based experimental architect Neal Denari.

#### THE BREAKDOWN:

Bulging like a bicep, writhing like a python, as top-heavy as a a burlesque queen, the stainless steel-and-glass eco-friendly tower includes some of the largest single-pane windows ever used in residential construction, perfect for the capacious views over the High Line's gardens and walkways.



# THE BUILDING: 432 PARK AVENUE

#### THE BACKGROUND:

Designed by Uruguayan architect Rafael Viñoly on the site of the old Drake Hotel between 56th and 57th Streets, 432 Park has been controversial—area residents are leery of the shadows cast on Central Park and Viñoly had to dial back his complaints about "screw-ups" with the design—but it certainly makes a statement.

#### THE BREAKDOWN:

Look—up in the sky! Ushering in the new age of "cloud-busters," the supermodel-skinny 432 Park, at 84 stories and 1,396 feet, is a study in superlatives: the third-tallest building in the U.S., the second tallest in NYC (behind One World Trade Center), and the tallest residential building in the Western Hemisphere. Designed around a square, and dotted with 10-by-10-foot windows, its apartment prices are as elevated as the views, currently going for up to \$44.25 million.





#### THE BUILDING: **HIGH LINE CONDOS**

#### THE BACKGROUND:

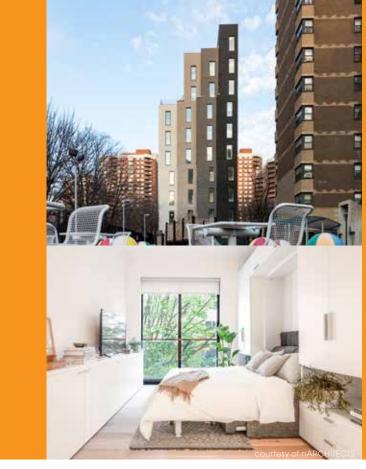
This swooping, sweeping building, the first (and sadly last) NYC project by the visionary Iraqi-born, London-based architect Dame Zaha Hadid, who died suddenly in March, will be spectacular when finished, but it's getting close and already worth a look.

#### THE BREAKDOWN:

As voluptuous as Angelina Jolie and as futuristiclooking as an old Jetsons episode, the 11-story residential creation of the first female Pritzker Prize winner, located at 520 West 28th Street in Chelsea, has a handcrafted metal façade, interlocking floors, residences wired as smart homes, and a 2,800-foot-sculpture deck with art provided by the Friends of the High Line.



# THE BUILDING: THE IAC BUILDING THE BACKGROUND: You might recognize this Frank Gehry-designed building, at 555 W. 18th Street in Chelsea, from the movie "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps." In real (not reel) life, it serves as the headquarters for the media and Internet company InterActiveCorp, and opened in 2007. Barry Diller chose the Pritzker-winning L.A.- based architect, perhaps most famous for the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain, because he wanted employees to be able to collaborate in an open atmosphere, not a boxy skyscraper. THE BREAKDOWN: Resembling a two-tiered pleated woman's skirt, the façade is clad in glass, not wrinkled titanium, as Gehry originally wanted. This was Gehry's first NYC building; also worth checking out is a more recent creation: the wavy 76-story skyscraper called New York by Gehry, at 8 Spruce Street, which opened in 2011. (As a bonus, adjacent to the IAC Building is Jean Nouvel's residence at 100 11th Ave., worth checking out.)



#### THE BUILDING: CARMEL PLACE

#### THE BACKGROUND:

The city has been aflutter about this project ever since nARCHITECTS and Monadnock Development won an adAPT NYC competition to create the city's first official micro-housing to address the lack of affordable single- and double-occupancy apartments. Located at 335 East 27th Street near Kips Bay, Carmel Place consists of prefab modular pods, constructed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard and hoisted by crane to create the building.

#### THE BREAKDOWN:

Sometimes less is, in fact, more. New York City's first micro-unit apartment building, built as four towers to look like a mini-skyline in varying shades of gray, is designed for ultra-functionality: The individual units, though only 250 to 370 square feet apiece, feature clean-lined kitchens, 10-foot ceilings, and storage walls with built-in convertible beds so living areas can double as bedrooms.





## **NINE OTHER FUN NYC ADVENTURES**

#### GO LOW—VERY LOW.

You've visited the famed High Line; now get a taste of NYC's underground scene (literally). Check out the Lowline Lab, which opened last October and stays open until next spring—as a prototype of the planned sunlit, verdant subterranean Delancey Underground project.

#### GET EVEN MORE IMMERSED IN NYC'S RAD BUILDINGS.

Head to Chelsea Piers and hop a ride on one of the American Institute of Architects' circumnavigational tours around Manhattan, aboard Classic Harbor Line's 1920s-era yachts. Led by AIA experts, the tours cover everything from the city's ever-morphing skyline to its iconic bridges.

#### **GRAB A FREE LUNCH—OR CONCERT.**

Check out theskint.com, which offers daily deals on everything from free concerts, outdoor movies, and Met Opera performances to restaurant gift certificates and free Slurpees.

#### TAKE A BRIDGE TO ... SOMEWHERE.

It's still as cool as it was in 1883, the year John Roebling's masterpiece was built: For spectacular views of Manhattan, stroll the gorgeous, groundbreaking Brooklyn Bridge into the city. (Go to Brooklyn.about. com for walking tips and bridge history.)

#### GET PRESIDENTIAL IN THIS CRAZY ELECTION YEAR.

In the politically dysfunctional world of 2016, it's hard to imagine a president being elected to four consecutive terms, but New York native son Franklin Delano Roosevelt defied the odds. If you're a history buff, go back in time 70-plus years to the (free) Franklin Delano Roosevelt Four Freedoms Park on Roosevelt Island in the East River. (fdrfourfreedomspark.org)

#### PEEL BACK THE LAYERS OF THE CITY.

No matter what floats your boat—historic Tribeca or Greenwich, the South Street Seaport, NYC's rock 'n' roll heritage, the Met, gay and lesbian history, or multi-ethnic eating, Big Onion walking tours (bigonion.com) will take you there—and more. For further adventures (like a behindthe-scenes tour of Grand Central Terminal or a pub crawl to the oldest bars in the city), visit bigmaven.com.

#### **DISCOVER SOME YOUNG TALENT.**

Support starving artists, brave some famously tough crowds, and enjoy some very, very, very off-Broadway talent Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at the Apollo Theater's Amateur Night, which has been uncovering New York City's stars (like Stevie Wonder and James Brown) for more than 80 years.

#### DIG SOME FLORA—AND FAUNA.

You can get both in da Bronx, a short(ish) subway ride north from Manhattan. The Bronx Zoo is not only the country's largest metropolitan zoo but one of the world leaders in wildlife conservation; the 125-yearold New York Botanical Garden across the street is hosting al fresco concerts June through August.

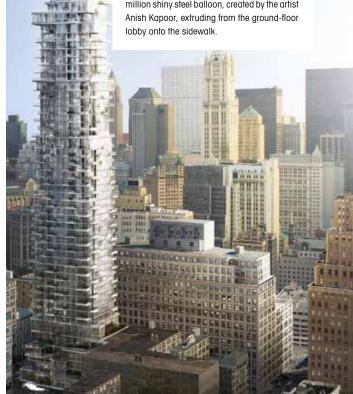
Of course you've heard about NYC's Museum Mile on Fifth Avenue. But the city is teeming with other fantastic, smaller museums. Three that are worth a visit: the Tenement Museum (tenement.org) on the Lower East Side; the New York Transit Museum (web.mta.info), and El Museo del Barrio (elmuseo.org).



architectural firm of Herzog & de Meuron, the 57-story building, which sits in Tribeca near the eastern entrance to the Holland Tunnel, has been under construction since 2007 and is finally being completed this year.

#### THE BREAKDOWN:

This Jenga-like tower, clad in glass with cantilevered balconies, has been described by its principal designer, Ascan Mergenthaler, as "houses in the sky," seemingly stacked randomly one atop another. The design includes an \$8 million shiny steel balloon, created by the artist lobby onto the sidewalk.





#### THE BUILDING: SPERONE WESTWATER GALLERY

#### THE BACKGROUND:

Opened in 2009 and designed by Pritzker-winning L.A. architect Thom Mayne of the firm Morphosis, this ninestory center, which opened in 2009, is the first academic building in NYC to achieve LEED Platinum status.

#### THE BREAKDOWN:

In an attempt to reflect the school's emphasis on a free, open education, the street-level façade is transparent and open to the neighborhood, a central atrium is meant to act as a public square, and the exterior is clad in a semitransparent layer of perforated stainless steel offset from a glass and aluminum window wall. A green roof insulates the building, and natural sunlight fills 75 percent of the interior occupied spaces.



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## THE BUILDING: SEAGRAM BUILDING

#### THE BACKGROUND:

Designed by German-born architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, who believed that "less is more," and Philip

#### THE BUILDING: LEVER HOUSE

#### THE BACKGROUND:

Like the Seagram building right across the street, the Lever House, at 390 Park Avenue, is a classic of the International Style. Designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, and built in 1951-52, it won the AIA First Honor Award and the AIA National 25 Year Award.

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#### THE BREAKDOWN:

The building consists of two intersecting masses: a raised horizontal two-story base (with a public plaza  $under neath)\,and\,a\,21-story\,sky scraper,\,the\,Lever\,House$ is known for its sealed curtain wall of blue-green heatresistant glass and stainless steel mullions.

#### THE BUILDING: THE STANDARD

### THE BACKGROUND:

There's nothing standard here. The 18-story, International Style luxury hotel was commissioned by hotelier André Balazs, designed by Todd Schliemann of New York's Polshek Partnership Architects, and opened in 2009 at 848 Washington Street in Manhattan's Meatpacking District.

#### THE BREAKDOWN:

Elevated on sculptural piers 56 feet above the street, the 338-room building seems to be standing on its tippy toes straddling the High Line park; bifurcated into two glass-sheathed halves, it has the look of an open book. Even if you're staying somewhere else in Manhattan, it's worth a stop at the hotel's German beer garden, rootop discotheque, or top-notch Top of the Standard restaurant.







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# BICYCLE CULTURE MEETS INTERIOR DESIGN WITH A STYLISH IN-HOME BIKE STAND FROM ITALIAN STARTUP VADOLIBERO.

Fun fact: In the United States, Colorado is second only to Oregon in percentage of commuters who bike to work. As a city, Denver ranks ninth overall, and Boulder and Fort Collins also appear in the top 10. Factoring in all manufacturing, retail, and tourism dollars, the bicycle economy in our state alone accounts for a billion dollars per year. All of which goes to show that Colorado, now more than ever, is bike country.

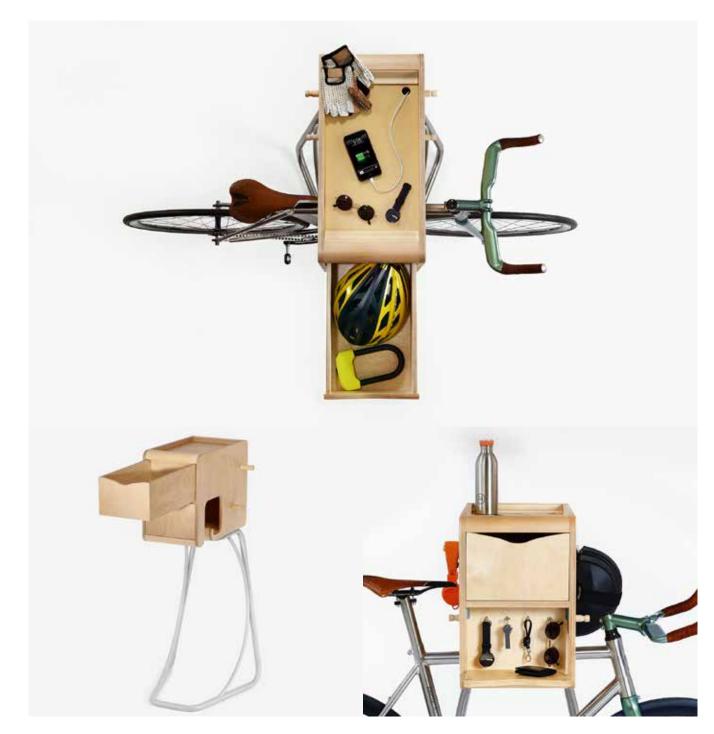
The bicycle is also popular in the design community—enter the Bike Butler, a

practical-but-stylish bike stand from Italian startup vadolibero. The free-standing base is a smart alternative to wall-mounted units, and the built-in cabinet has plenty of storage space for helmet, gloves, keys, glasses, and more. The folding door utilizes a magnetic closing system, and hooks along both sides can hold jackets, bags, or headphones. There's even a special "hidden" space for storing more sensitive items.

The brainchild of journalist Antonella Grua and photographer Ran Reuveni,

vadolibero is a brand built entirely around the cycling lifestyle. Their debut collection, ride home, contains several versions of the Bike Butler (including, yes, a wall-mounted version), along with the Bike Shelf, a modular, customizable organizer that is part bike storage, part designer bookshelf. All of their products are designed and manufactured in Italy—a place with a like-minded affinity for all things cycling. *Brillante!* 

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#### BY THE NUMBERS

Height: 130 cm (51 in.)
Base Height: 85 cm (33 in.)
Top Height: 45 cm (18 in.)
Width: 30 cm (12 in.)
Depth: 60 cm (24 in.)
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