

A letter from the PUBLISHER



Summer State of Mind

As the Chicago eases into warmer days, we're embracing a new season filled with inspiring interiors, exceptional projects and meaningful design moments. This issue of *Modern Luxury Interiors* is brimming with stories that celebrate the creative energy flowing through our city's design scene—from lakefront retreats to philanthropic design events that bring our community together.

We're especially thrilled to spotlight the River North Design District's 2025 Pup Crawl & Cat Walk, taking place June 20. As the official media sponsor, *Modern Luxury Interiors* is proud to support this one-of-a-kind event benefiting PAWS Chicago, one of the city's largest animal welfare organizations. Guests are invited to explore 11 standout showrooms, each featuring custom pet-centric creations by 19 top local designers. Think bespoke dog beds, elevated cat condos and fashion-forward accessories—all up for auction with proceeds going entirely to PAWS.

This issue also takes us lakeside with two unforgettable second homes. Interior designer Gemma Parker delivers timeless elegance and cozy sophistication in a Traverse City, Mich. vacation home designed for a bustling family to make memories for years to come. Meanwhile, Kevin Toukoumidis of dSPACE Studio shares

the highly personal, architecturally stunning lake house he designed for himself and his partner in Saugatuck, blending sustainability, biophilic design and modern resilience against a dramatic dune-side backdrop.

Looking ahead, we're busy preparing for the Design 9 Chicago 2025 Awards, returning this November for a second year of celebrating the very best in local design talent—stay tuned for more updates. After last year's phenomenal debut, we can't wait to see what bold and beautiful work this year brings.

We're equally proud to carry on our long-standing collaboration with The MART, a premier destination in Chicago's design landscape. Known for its extensive collection of high-end furnishings and exceptional showrooms, The MART remains a central gathering place for the design community.

Each year, it plays host to cornerstone events such as NeoCon (June 9–11) and Design Chicago (October 8–9), which draw professionals from across the country for conversation, discovery, and collaboration.

Wherever you look in Chicago and beyond, there's no shortage of inspiration to be found this season. Here's to sunshine, style and stories that make us fall in love with interior design all over again.

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Gloster's outdoor collection is one of many design-forward furnishings available through its showroom on the 14th floor of the MART.