

MODERN LUXURY

Interiors

CHICAGO

BEST OF DESIGN

PEOPLE, PRODUCTS
& PLACES HAVING
THEIR MOMENT NOW

TOP TRENDS

BRAZILIAN DESIGN,
DEEP AMETHYST &
THE CHICAGO RIVER

PLUS

INSIDE STUDIO GANG'S MODEL SHOP
EVA QUATEMAN'S POP-ART GEM
CELEBRATING GAETANO PESCE



CRAFTY COMBO
Through their company BGD&C, Rodger Owen and Charles Grode are the talent behind many of the city's finest homes.

Best Builders

BGD&C LUXURY CUSTOM HOME BUILDERS

Rodger Owen pivoted from buying and rehabbing old homes in the Gold Coast and facilitating real estate investments when the tax laws changed in 1986. With Charles Grode, who had just joined as partner, the duo formed a small general contracting firm that catered to the city's high-end architects. They received so much positive feedback and work that they decided to move forward with the concept and formed BGD&C Luxury Custom Home Builders. Today, with more than 30 years' experience, their reputation for quality, service and timeless aesthetics precedes them and can be seen in the details and millwork of many fine homes around the city. 875 N. Michigan Ave., 312.255.8300, bgdchomes.com

BEST DESIGN TEAM

2Design Group

At the height of the recession in 2009, founders of 2Design Group Christine Moritz and Trisha Cohen took the ultimate risk and started a new business together. Not only did they survive the market downturn; the firm thrived and has since expanded with a full-service design empire that includes a bigger team, a retail shop, a second location in Denver and a new partner, Pawel Witkowski in Chicago. Their design work correlates with their business trajectory in that each project is fresh, inspired and a skilled combination of their talents, always reflecting the personality of their client. This butler's pantry for a family that loves pattern and color by one of their senior designers, Maria Kulesa, shows that they are able to impart some fun and personality into their work too, no doubt a physical extension of a great working relationship. 1631 W. Belmont Ave., 773.248.7637, 2designgroup.com



WONDER WOMEN Design partners Melissa Lewis and Cari Giannoulis have differing styles that they masterfully combine into a cohesive, unique look.



BETTER TOGETHER
2Design Group is comprised of a talented team that provides full-service interior design services, along with their own retail store.

BEST DESIGN DUO

Lewis Giannoulis Interiors

With a combined experience of 18 years and an impressive portfolio of stunning high-end projects, Melissa Lewis and Cari Giannoulis, principals of Lewis Giannoulis Interiors, are a true dynamic duo. In fact, they founded their design firm after collaborating on a large-scale residential project and realizing their complementary styles and work ethic were a great match: Lewis' custom-designed pieces marry beautifully with Giannoulis' bohemian sensibilities to create unique interiors that are never lacking character. Case in point: this eclectic-chic living room in a Lincoln Park home designed by the pair. Customized modern pieces like a Christian Liaigre sofa slipcovered in white linen set the stage for ethnic touches like an antique Moroccan coffee table. A modern sisal is layered with an antique rug from Oscar Isberian, just another example of how their different tastes combine and exemplify the mantra they work by: livable luxury. 910 W. Van Buren St., Ste. 603, 312.455.8000, lg-interiors.com