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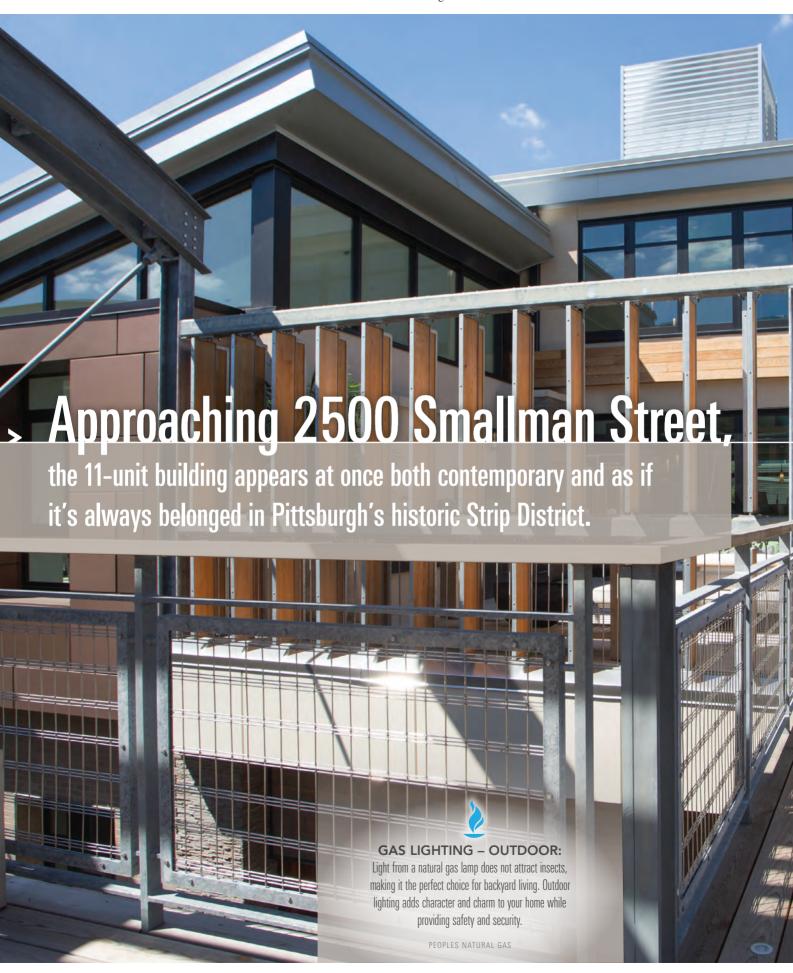














his concept continues throughout Unit #5, a three-story, 5,985-squarefoot city home and Pittsburgh Magazine's 2016 Ultimate House presented by Peoples Natural Gas.

"I'm fascinated with the dialogue between old and new, and the layers of meaning that exist between them," says Eric A. Booth, AIA, principal and director of operations at **Desmone** Architects and the lead architect behind 2500 Smallman

Indeed, even with countless modern amenities - including a floating staircase, folding glass wall, an elevator and the latest in-home automation technology - Unit #5 and 2500 Smallman maintain a sense of warmth and a connection to Pittsburgh's past. Throughout the complex, shared spaces evoke a sense of community, while steel framing calls to mind the industrial imagery of the Strip, wood elements soften the design and trellises incorporate a natural element.

This breakthrough concept in city living comes to us from Chuck and Kristen Hammel. Three years ago, the couple decided their next big project would be to transform a 1950s-era warehouse into 2500 Smallman. The couple sought to create a residential option unlike anything else in the area to help "Pittsburgh become a thriving and energetic residential city."

Booth drew inspiration from the urban courtyard spaces of Italy, Swiss-French designer Le Corbusier and Pittsburgh's industrial heritage to create a space that spoke to the Hammels' unique vision for a group of city homes that offered residents a sense of community, world-class amenities and sustainable concepts, materials and design.

For instance, visitors to 2500 Smallman can see elements of Italian monasteries, which are often organized

around a central court surrounded by layers of increasingly private zones.

"The overall building was organized with an architectural 'promenade' in mind, that is the sequence in which one enters the building and moves through the spaces in a layered sequence of increasing privacy," says Booth.

The Ultimate House, one of the largest of the complex's 11 units. boasts three bedrooms, three bathrooms, four fireplaces, an industrial-grade kitchen, an expansive two-car garage, a wine bar, a private motor court and extensive outdoor living space.

RDC contractors transformed Unit #5 along with the Desmone design team led by Booth, Nancy Policicchio, project manager for the unit, and including Terry Oden, Paul Bahn, Melanie Panutsos and Katie Yatzkanic. Award-winning and wellrespected local companies including

PerLora, Today's Home, James Gallery, Antiquarian and Weisshouse furnished the Ultimate House for the public tours. Sherwin-Williams and Nest Expressions were among those who provided ultimate features.

After more than a year of design and construction, the Ultimate House was unveiled to the public in September. Tours of Unit #5 ran from Sept. 9 to 18 with all proceeds benefiting The Free Care Fund at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC.

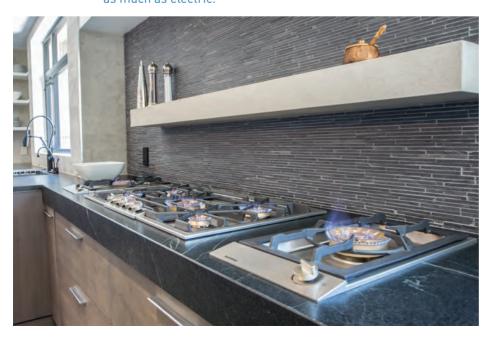
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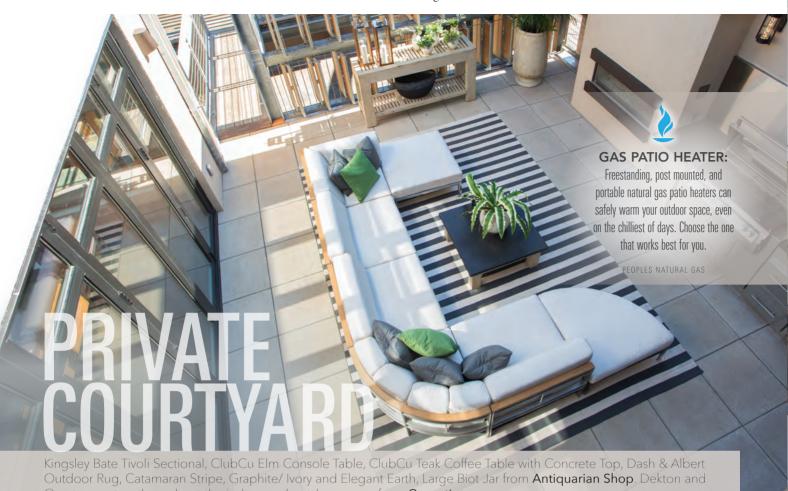








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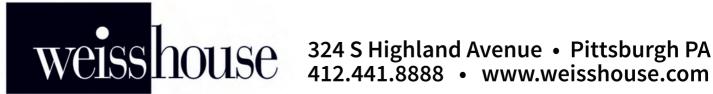
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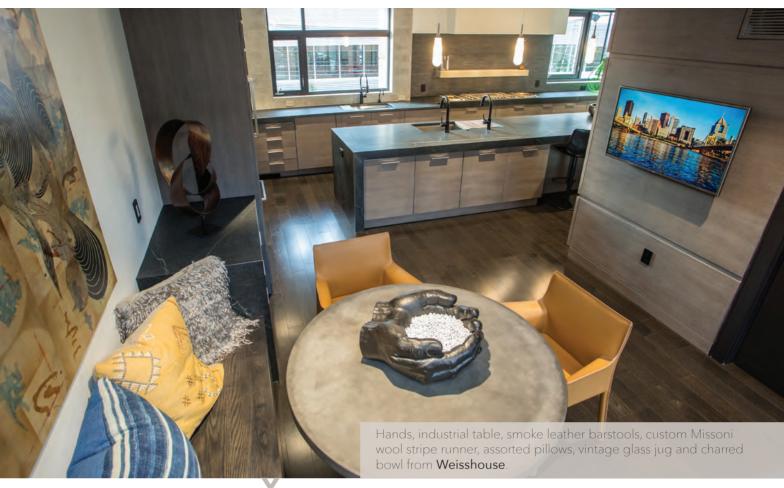
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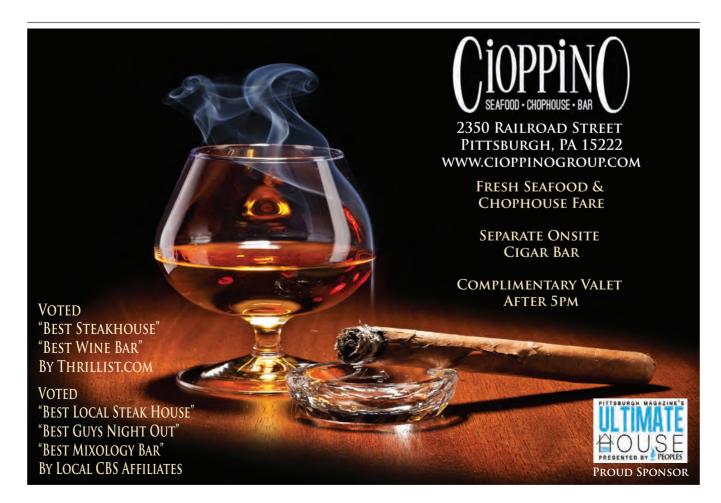




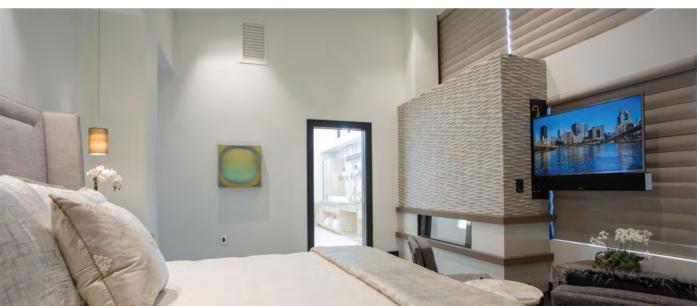
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Bernhardt Criteria King Upholstered Bed in silver/gray, Bernhardt Criteria silver/stainless nightstands, repurposed wood low console and area rug from Today's Home. Cannon Ball, aluminum, mylar, silk and The Elders, crystal achieve supergloss print face mounted to quarter inch hand-polished acrylic from James Gallery. Future Automation motorized TV mount from ArchiTek. Hunter Douglas Alustra Pirouette Shades in charmeuse pewter with Powerview Motorization from Nest Expressions.

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Cerused oak custom cabinetry from The Kitchen Studio. Silver Travertine counter tops from Unity Marble & Granite. Interior tile provided by Ceremiche Tile & Stone. Plumbing fixtures throughout the home provided by Crescent Baths & Kitchens. Natural surfaces from Dente Classic and Exotic Stone. Seura Indoor Waterproof TV Visual Performance Extreme Speakers from Sonance from ArchiTek. Juntos, engraving and February Night, altered photograph and ceramic pigments on clay from James Gallery. Alustra woven texture roller shades in primitive concrete with Powerview Motorization from **Nest Expressions**.





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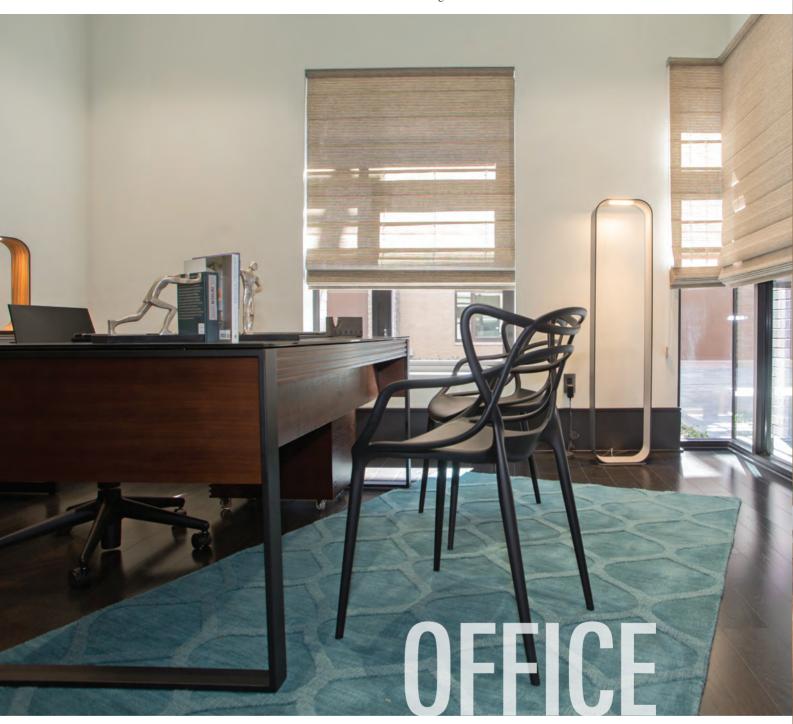
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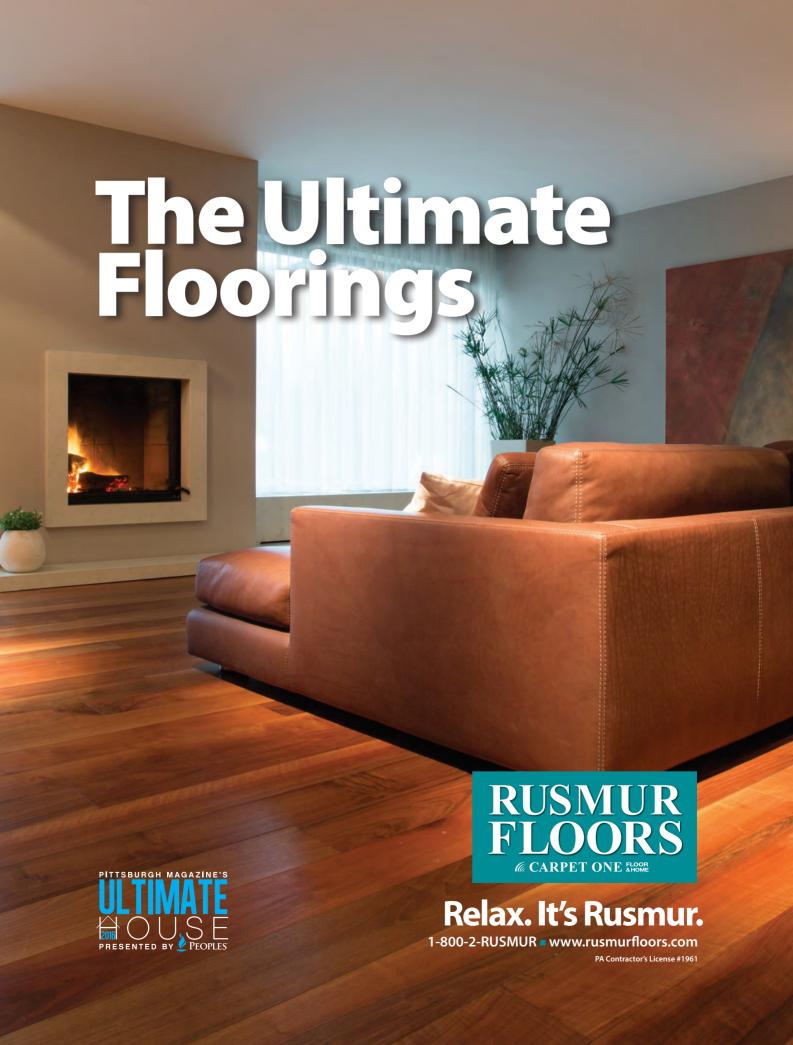


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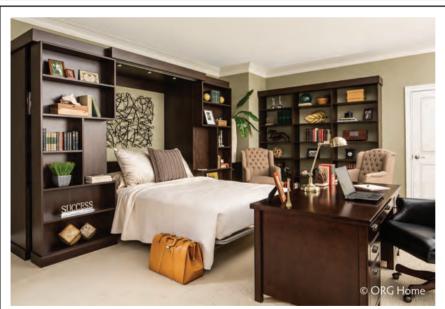
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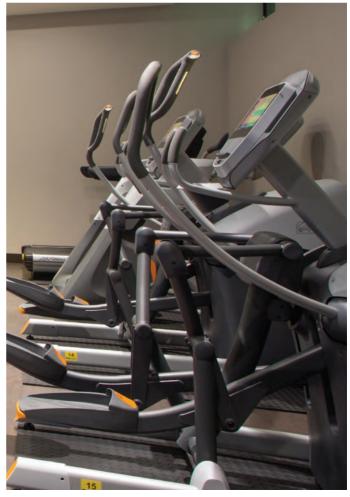








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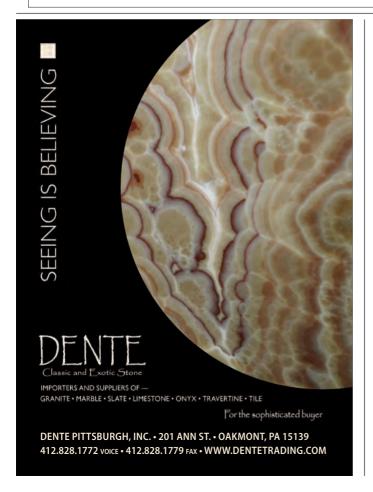
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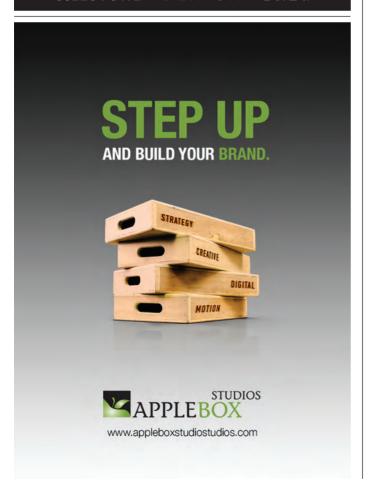


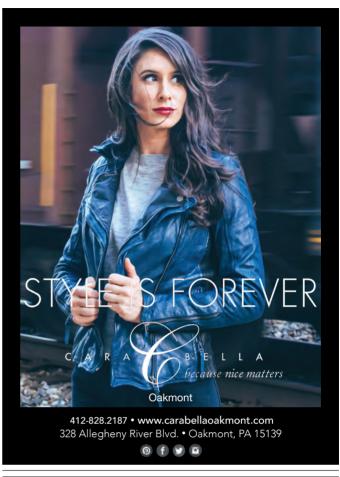


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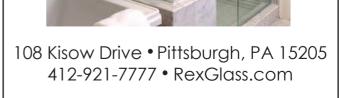
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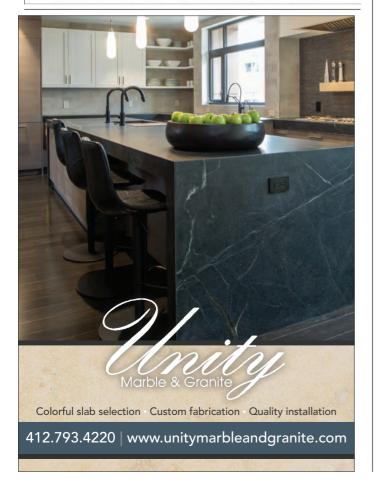




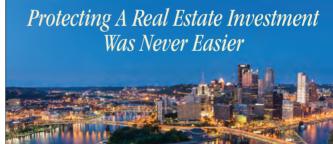


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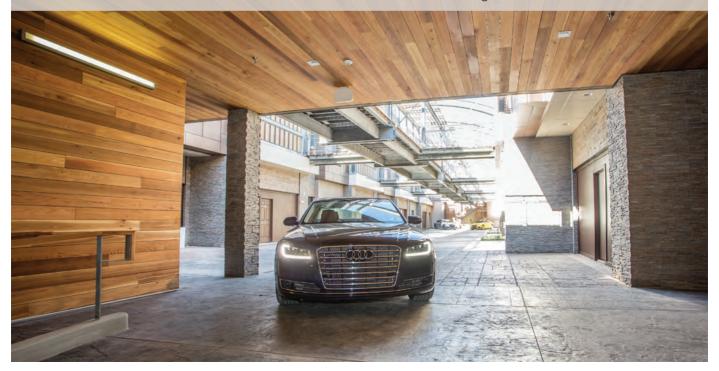
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