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INTERIOR DESIGNER AND SECOND CITY NATIVE SHELLEY JOHNSTONE PASCHKE DISHES ON HER FAVORITE SHOP TO SNAG ACCESSORIES, A MODERN ART WING ABOUNDING WITH INSPIRATION AND A STATE STREET EATERY THAT FEELS LIKE YOUR OWN PRIVATE CLUB.



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MEMBERS ONLY

It's no secret that Chicago is chockfull of amazing restaurants—but Keene and Megan Addington's Tortoise Club is an absolute do not miss. Its understated State Street entrance sets the stage for the private club-like feel inside, where tartan-clad walls, cozy leather banquettes and an old-world-style bar area complete with backgammon play supporting roles. Tortoise Club boasts a great seasonal menu and food-sawy waiters make for a perfect night out. tortoiseclub.com

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MOD SQUAD

The Art Institute of Chicago, and specifically the Renzo Piano-designed Modern Wing, is a favorite spot of mine when in need of a little escape. Like so many, I wish I had more time to spend the day being inspired by the fabulous art and magnificent architecture. And, with Millennium Park and artist Anish Kapoors' iconic Bean sculpture right next door, this Michigan Avenue area of the city is a true gem. artic.edu

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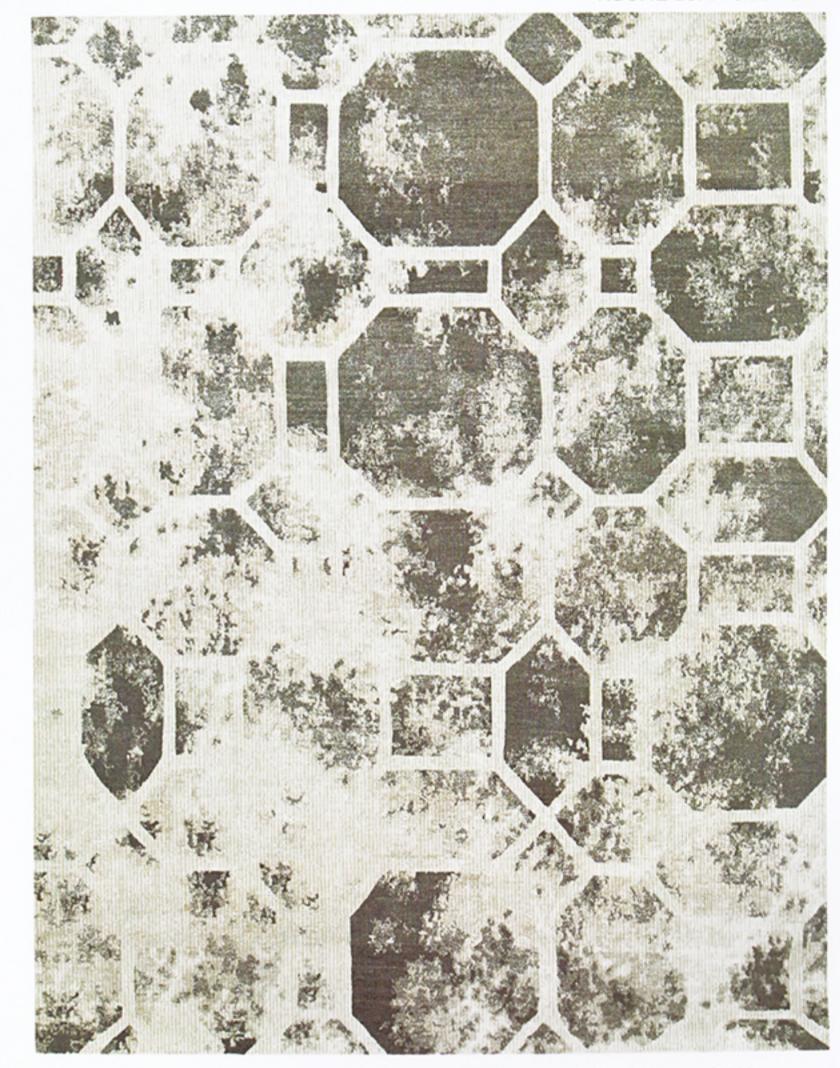
FASHIONABLE APPROACH

My personal fashion style echoes my interior design aesthetic: classic, elegant staples alongside eclectically interesting accessories. I love holding on to those ultraluxe pieces like a Hermès Birkin or Chanel jacket and finding them effortlessly transcend both time and trends. Winnetka's Neapolitan is a boutique I often pop into for some inspired retail therapy. This season I may need to splurge on the Diorissimo bag...a must for fall! neapolitanontine.com

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NATION WIDE

One of my favorite design shops is Mecox. Though there may be a few around the country, each store has its own unique feel and deliberately edited collections that resonate with the specific local clientele. The Chicago location is around the corner from The Merchandise Mart and carries an eclectic mix of new and vintage pieces. The boutique atmosphere, staged with lovely vignettes, is always a treat to visit. I can't leave without my favorite Belle Fleur candles or the latest coffee table book. mecox.com



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