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CHICAGO VIP LUXURY GALA TICKETS ON SALE NOW

*Join industry leaders at the signature event during Design Chicago,
the Midwest's largest residential design conference*

CHICAGO, IL (August 31, 2017) – A who's who of the design industry will come together on the evening of Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM, at the historic Merchandise Mart for the ninth annual Chicago VIP Luxury Gala, a celebratory evening honoring the Midwest's best in architecture, interior design and residential development. The Chicago VIP Luxury Gala is the signature event of [Design Chicago](#), the Midwest's largest, most immersive residential design conference, hosted by [The Design Center at the Merchandise Mart](#) and [LuxeHome](#).

[Tickets are now on sale to attend this year's Gala](#), which will feature the induction of four residential design industry icons into the Merchandise Mart Hall of Fame. With more than 800 attendees expected to attend the event, Gala organizers are encouraging prospective attendees to purchase their tickets now before they sell out at www.designchicagoevent.com. Tickets are \$100/person.



“Each year, the Chicago VIP Luxury Gala draws the top trade professionals, bringing together the best in the region,” said Susan McCullough, Senior Vice President at theMART. “Special thanks to the Chicago VIP Luxury Gala host committee, as well as its sponsors, for elevating this evening to a must-attend event.”

Welcoming this year's Gala attendees is a host committee comprised of more than 70 of the design industry's movers and shakers – representing top luxury building, renovation and interior design brands, interior designer, architectural and building and development firms from greater Chicago and around the globe.

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Also, the 2017 inductees into the Merchandise Mart Hall of Fame will be honored at the Gala:



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David Sutherland Showrooms



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Stuart Cohen &
Julie Hacker

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Stuart Cohen & Julie Hacker
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Jessica Lagrange
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Jessica Lagrange Interiors LLC



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The 2017 Chicago VIP Luxury Gala is generously sponsored by exclusive media sponsor, *Luxe Interiors + Design*; Platinum Sponsors, Gaggenau, Thermador and Bosch; Gold Sponsors, Pella Crafted Luxury and Sherwin Williams; and Silver Sponsors, Gary Lee, Vicostone and Wood-Mode.

For more information on the Chicago VIP Luxury Gala or Design Chicago, visit

www.designchicagoevent.com. Over the course of two days, Design Chicago will showcase 39 featured presentations and 25 CEU programs featuring industry luminaries, 14 strategic media partners and more than a dozen well-respected editors, along with 50 open houses, 56 featured product debuts and 9 newly opened showrooms ready to be explored – all in addition to the Chicago VIP Luxury Gala.

About the Design Center at The Merchandise Mart (theMART)

The Design Center, located in Chicago's historic Merchandise Mart, is home to four floors constituting the world's largest and finest design center. As a leader in the \$65 billion residential home furnishings market, the Design Center offers the largest presentation of high-end, customizable, residential and outdoor home furnishings worldwide, all under one roof. Encompassing 750,000 square feet, boasting more than 125 showrooms and featuring more than 2,500 product lines, it is the ultimate resource for designers and design enthusiasts of luxury furniture, fabrics, floor coverings, wall coverings, lighting and much more. For more information, visit designcenter.com. Visit Design Center on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

About LuxeHome®

LuxeHome is the world's largest collection of premier boutiques for home building and renovation located on the first floor of the Merchandise Mart in Chicago. With more than 125,000 square feet of showroom space featured in over 35 boutiques, LuxeHome is host to the finest products for home building and renovation from the most recognized and respected manufacturers worldwide.

LuxeHome offers discerning homeowners and trade professionals one-stop shopping convenience with access to the finest kitchen, bath, tile, lighting, cabinetry, appliances, countertops and much more. LuxeHome displays the widest selection of products to suit all upscale design styles, from modern European to classic American to traditional English. In addition to the extensive lineup of premier brands, each boutique offers knowledgeable designers who are available to assist with all phases of each design project. LuxeHome's boutiques are open for shopping Monday through Saturday. For more information, visit www.luxehome.com. Follow LuxeHome on [Facebook](#), [Houzz](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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