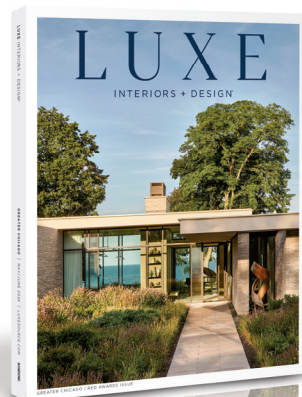


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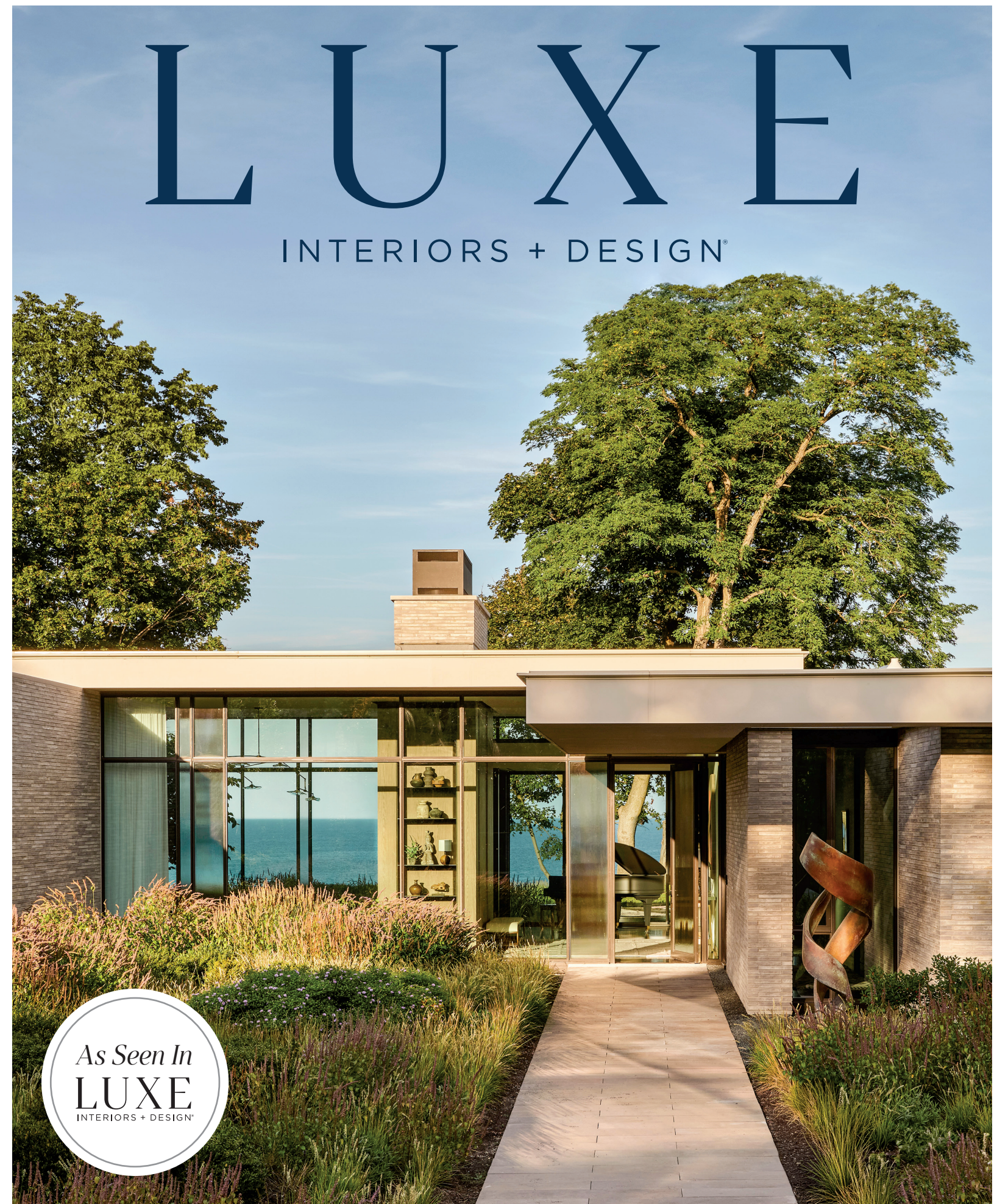
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FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES, Lakesha Rose, Principal of L Rose Interior Design, has built a reputation for thoughtful leadership and intentional luxury interiors. Her full-service design-build firm guides projects from architectural concept through final installation, blending aesthetic vision with technical expertise rooted in construction and detailing. “Every detail is considered, executed and delivered with intention, resulting in timeless interiors that resonate long after completion,” she says. “We’re shaping how people live and experience their homes.” At the core of her approach is emotionally intelligent design—layered, curated environments that balance proportion, texture, flow and restraint—

homes that feel powerful yet personal. Equally meaningful to Rose is the camaraderie among women in design, who share knowledge and celebrate progress. “The future for women in design feels limitless,” she says.



“If I can create a sense of sanctuary and quiet joy for my clients, then I have done my job well.”

Rose Shares Her...

Mentors: My greatest influences were personal. My mother is the blueprint for my discipline and endurance. She worked full-time, raised our family and took night classes to earn her college degree. Watching her walk across that stage taught me that excellence is quiet, consistent and earned in the margins. Professionally, my husband inspires me with principled leadership. His decades-long career earned respect through integrity and how he treated people. Whenever I question where I want to aspire, he is the only person I seek counsel from. His guidance is a significant reason L Rose Interior Design has endured and evolved.

Icons: I admire women who built legacies, like B. Smith and Bunny Williams. True pioneers and tastemakers, their work pairs aesthetic mastery with generosity. What resonates most with B. Smith is the understanding that hospitality is an extension of design. I don’t simply love interiors, I love the full experience of how people gather within them.

Dream Project: I dream of designing a boutique hotel that embodies everything I believe about living beautifully. Every element—from linens to lighting to scent—would feel intentional, layered and emotionally resonant. The experience would be as personal and elevated as a private home; a space guests cannot wait to wake up in or return to at night.

Inspiration: Axel Vervoordt, McAlpine House and Bradley E. Heppner inspire me with restraint, proportion and soul. Their work feels storied, purposeful and immersive. Some cry at weddings, I cry at perfectly executed architectural elevations.

LEFT Coffered ceilings, tailored millwork and a marble fireplace surround provide the foil for refined furnishings in this richly layered great room. Olive green drapery and bespoke lighting add the finishing touch. **PHOTOGRAPHY** LOGAN BOWES; *Portrait* by ALEXIS GOETTSCHE



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