

POWER PLAYERS



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Which skill or insight consistently gives you an edge in your industry?

My edge was built early, leading design selections for more than 700 high-rise residences. That volume refined my ability to anticipate challenges before they surface. I operate with precision, foresight and control—delivering a seamless, highly curated experience where excellence is not achieved, but expected.

What part of your profession inspires you most?

What inspires me most is the constant evolution of design. True luxury lives at the intersection of fashion, material innovation and culture. Having sourced from the Merchandise Mart since I was 18, I bring a seasoned eye that translates what's emerging into spaces that feel timeless, relevant and deeply curated.

Is there a guiding philosophy that shapes your approach to leadership?

My leadership is grounded in character—how you operate when no one is watching. It defines every decision and relationship. I've built a decade-long team rooted in trust, clarity and accountability, because true luxury isn't created alone, it's executed through aligned, exceptional people.

Beyond AI, how is your field evolving right now?

Our field is evolving through lean, strategic collaboration. Boutique firms are partnering with specialized experts—CAD, rendering and procurement—on demand, rather than maintaining large in-house teams. I've operated this way for a decade, creating efficiency, consistency and the ultimate luxury: the freedom to balance life without compromising exceptional design.

How do you use your platform to support your colleagues and community?

I believe in open dialogue and shared knowledge. Whether at the Merchandise Mart or industry events, I prioritize connection, exchanging insights and supporting growth. True leadership is not competitive; it's collaborative. When we elevate one another, we strengthen our industry and create space for lasting success.

As a Power Player, where in your city do you go to unwind or connect?

My husband, Jim, and I enjoy unwinding at Chicago's most iconic spaces—brunch at Four Seasons or NoMI, lunch at RL and dinner at RPM Steak, a longtime favorite. We also value time at Astor Club, where curated experiences and meaningful connections make the city feel intimate and inspiring.

“Character defines everything I build—executed with precision, discipline and unwavering standards, creating refined interiors that reflect integrity, intention and a deeply elevated way of living.”