

THE DESIGN RESOURCE CENTER GETS NEW LUXURY LOOK AND LOCATION AT LUXEHOME®

CHICAGO (August 12, 2008) — The Design Resource Center, home to 6,000+ square feet of luxury kitchen, bath and building products, is getting a new look and location in time for LuxeHome Open House on Saturday, October 4. The new area, in suite 163, will boast beautiful vignettes featuring hundreds of specialty and custom products from seven world class brands including: Aquaworks, Chicago Tile Institute, Closet Works, Contemporary Bath Design, Katonah, Architectural Hardware LeFroy Brooks and ShowHouse by Moen, within a comprehensive retail environment. The Design Resource Center will maintain its luxury one-stop-shop concept with a wide range of high-end products for every phase of a remodeling project, with easy street access and additional amenities.

Located on the northwest corner of Orleans and Kinzie, The Design Resource Center's new location offers premium door access from the Northwest corridor entrance, window accessibility and natural light, exterior/interior visibility from the street level and building proper.

The space will also include:

- A dedicated luxury lounge area
- Wi-Fi access for client convenience
- Dedicated computer stations to access LuxeHome boutiques, products and The Merchandise Mart
- LuxeHome Concierge
- Courtesy Espresso bar

According to Katherine Flaherty, vice president of building products and special projects, "We're excited about the *New Design Resource Center* as it is an absolutely beautiful space. We had a unique opportunity to develop and expand the Design Resource Center to a space that provides street visibility, door access and more amenities."

For more details about The Design Resource Center or LuxeHome, please visit www.luxehome.com

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ABOUT LUXEHOME®

LuxeHome boasts more than 100,000 square feet of space with 30 boutiques that feature the finest kitchen and bath products for luxury home building and renovation from the most recognized and respected manufacturers worldwide. Open to the public, as well as interior designers, architects and custom builders, LuxeHome displays the widest selection of products to fit all lifestyles, from modern European to classic American to traditional English. In addition to the extensive lineup of manufacturers, 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.

Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. (MMPI) is a trade show and property management firm, specializing in managing buildings devoted to wholesale showrooms and commercial office space. MMPI produces more than 300 trade shows, market events and conferences each year.

MMPI manages The Merchandise Mart and 350 W. Mart Center in Chicago; Market Square, the Suites at Market Square, Hamilton Market, Plaza Suites, Furniture Plaza and the National Furniture Mart in High Point, N.C.; the Architects & Designers Building and 7 W New York in New York; the Boston Design Center in Boston; the L.A. Mart in Los Angeles; and the Washington Design Center and Federal Center Southwest in Washington D.C.

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