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looking ahead





We like to end each year by looking forward, and with a new decade on the horizon, we wanted to do a deep dive into the trends that will be shaping our industry in the years to come. It's not the least bit surprising that the leading one is wellness. As the \$4.2 trillion industry continues to grow, so do new concepts that are rethinking the status quo. We focus on a few goodlooking ones that take a mind-body approach, but the star of the group is certainly the Well. Since opening in October, nearly 500 members have signed up to relax in the serene environment that acts as a refuge from the chaos of Manhattan. It's one of many spaces in this issue that have a similar goal: to encourage us to disconnect from our

hectic everyday lives and take in our surroundings.

Beyond wellness, we look at cultural centers that make a statement and heal the spirit; ecommerce retailers that are finding unlikely brick-and-mortar homes; and schools and kid-friendly spaces that instill wonder for both learning and play. Design, it seems, is more important than ever, across every sector.

Since inspiration comes in many forms, our Sketchbook section dives into a few nontraditional spaces, one of which is a funeral parlor that colorfully celebrates life. In that same vein, we check in with three artists who use color to make a statement, and also sit down with the incomparable fashion designer-turned-product designer Jason Wu to explore his process, impact, and influence.

Speaking of inspiring, meet our 2019 Platinum Circle honorces—Roman and Williams, Anouska Hempel, Andrew Zobler, and Grupo Habita, as well as the Parker Company, which we celebrated for 50 years of contribution to the industry. I have long been a fan of each, and it was a privilege to fête them last month during our annual black-tie event in New York for their impressive career achievements. Prior to that, one of our past Platinum Circle inductees, Ian Schrager, kicked off our second annual Elevate event, where we brought together some of the greatest minds across all disciplines for one memorable day (read the highlights starting on page 117). When the program starts with Schrager sharing Studio 54 stories and ends with Ashley Marsh of MASS Design Group nearly bringing the room to tears with the firm's moving social good work, what more could you ask for?

To hear more from Schrager's candid conversation with me, listen and download our "What I've Learned" podcast and head to hospitalitydesign.com to get to know more about our Platinum Circle honorees.

Until then, we at HD wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season!

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