



Highland Park Home



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Architect:
Tandem Architecture

Interior Designer:
Christine H. Bakalar
Designs and Brooke
Bakalar Sloane

Size: 5,660 SF

This custom single family home was designed in the "Modern Farmhouse" style and was arranged under the original design premise to resemble a series of additions built around an existing barn. The interior is designed to open out to nature but also shield the two young children they have so the home is U-shaped to create a protected courtyard and also features a walled play area. The owners wanted a ranch home that they could stay in as they age so most of the home is on one level. The interior design by Christine Bakalar mixes rustic farmhouse with industrial elements such as the metal fireplace and a steel retractable wall.





Lincoln Park Residence



Architect:
Tandem Architecture

Interior Designer:
Christine Bakalar

Size: 3,500 SF

Located in Lincoln Park, this luxury home has a clean, modern style with an open floor plan. Large windows expose abundant light, creating an inviting atmosphere. The home features a dramatic stair with 2-story light feature, wide open Kitchen-Family room, refined Master Suite and a rooftop entertainment area.





Gold Coast Row Home Renovation



Architect:
Tandem Architecture

Interior Designer:
Studio CAK

Size: 3,800 SF

Tandem worked with the owner of an historic row home in Chicago's Gold Coast to fully renovate and expand the 1903 structure. The impeccable design by Studio CAK necessitated an acute attention to detail to meet the exacting standards befitting a home of this stature. Unique elements to this project included the arduous task of receiving city approval for a curb cut to create a new basement garage, adding an additional floor to the home, and reconfiguring an intricate central staircase. Long lead times for the many high-end, custom finishes, fixtures, and fittings as well as several reclaimed materials required the architecture and construction teams to be in close communication to remain on schedule. The construction team also overcame the logistical challenges created by difficult site constraints, which were extremely tight even by Tandem standards where superintendents are used to working in the dense urban core.





Old Irving Park Custom Home



Architect:
Tandem Architecture

Interior Designer:
Suzanne Lovell Inc

Size: 6,600 SF

Tandem was sought out to design and build a house that embodied the historic feel of an old mansion while providing the modern elements of a new luxury home. The property sits on a third of an acre, which is a rarity in the city of Chicago. We leveraged 78 custom windows to complement the large property and, at nearly 6,600 square feet, the home features a rich brick and limestone façade and slate roof. The home includes a private veranda off the home office, a covered outdoor kitchen, media room, wine cellar, and mudroom with a custom wash area for the owner's five dogs. The home was designed to be extremely energy efficient, integrating spray foam insulation with a dual geothermal heating and cooling system that produces no carbon emissions. The entire structure earned an "Energy Star" rating and won the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago "Crystal Key Award" in recognition of Outstanding Design in New Construction.





The Promenade at Founder's Square



Architect:
Tandem Architecture

Developer:
Holladay Properties

Size: 346,000 SF

In collaboration with the City of Portage, Tandem designed a vibrant, mixed-use project for the Central Business District, totaling 346,000 square feet. Nine apartment buildings containing 304 new apartments were designed with unique elevations to create a dynamic, urban experience. The four buildings facing the town square provide nearly 10,000 square feet of retail space and housing. The site amenities include a fitness center, common lounge area, and management offices. The site features a pool and sundeck, and most of the buildings offer private garages.





West Loop Car Gallery & Lounge



Architect:
Tandem Architecture

Interior Designer:
AC Atelier

Size: 6,000 SF

Formerly built as a warehouse in 1908, Tandem transformed the space into a private auto gallery, now home to an impressive collection of vintage European cars. The gallery features a car detailing bay, media area, and sleeping accommodations for overnight guests. An entertainment lounge was designed to host gatherings with friends, featuring a sunken bar that provides an expansive view of the collection. To maintain and celebrate the character of the building, we created a "Hopes" glass window wall to preserve the original wood columns. Tandem leveraged insulated metal panels to provide a low maintenance barrier while creating a sleek, white backdrop for the cars.





Water Street Townhome Remodel



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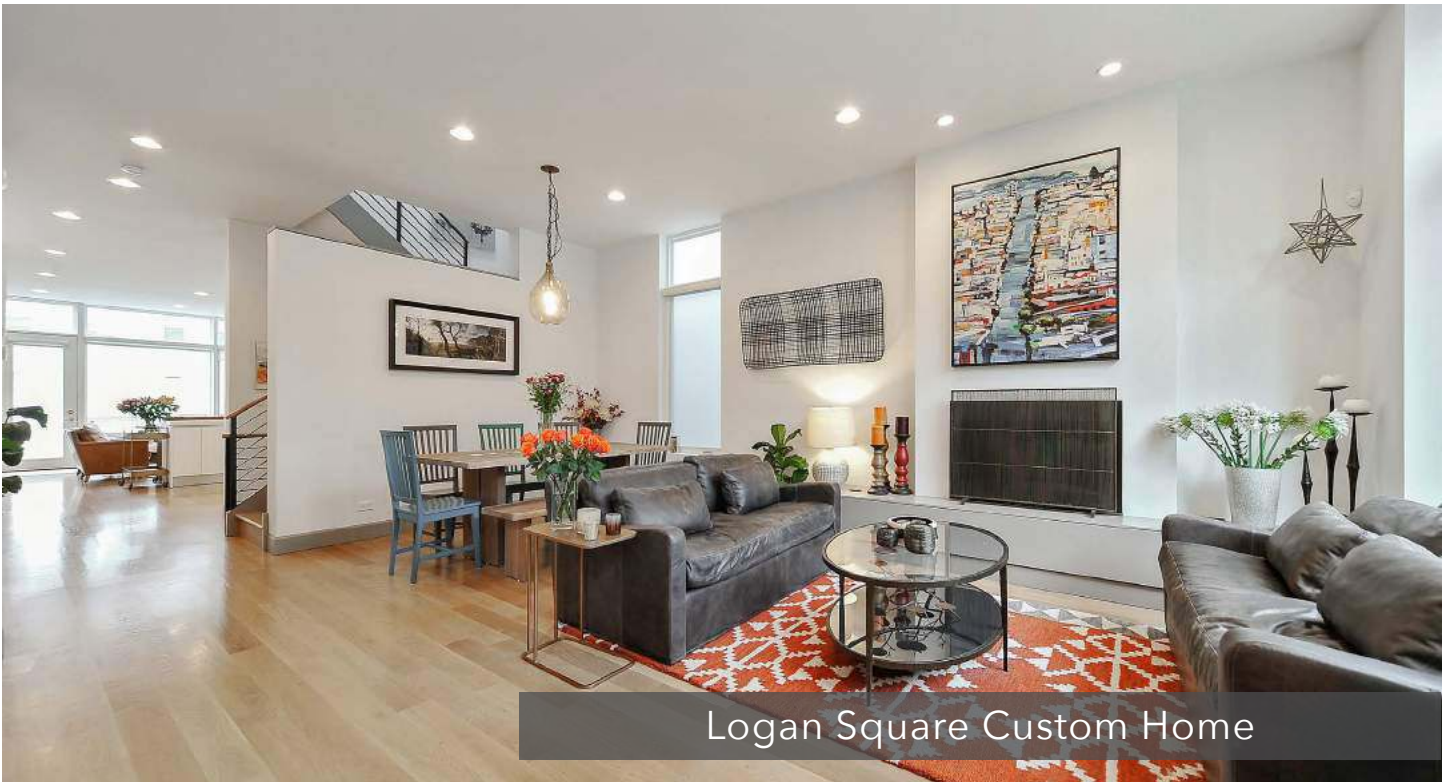
Architect:
Tandem Architecture

Interior Designer:
Suzanne Lovell

Size: 3,000 SF

To rebuild this Riverfront townhome in the Streeterville neighborhood, Tandem partnered with Interior Designer Suzanne Lovell. The project required a full gut remodel, modifying, reinforcing, and sound proofing the existing structure per the client's request. The finishes are of exceptional quality; every piece of woodwork is custom-built and hand painted in a vintage, brushed finish. One of the focal points is the modern floating stair made from wood and metal. The home features hand-scraped, wide plank French oak floors, new bathrooms with Statuary marble and Waterworks fixtures, a contemporary kitchen from Bulthaup, Sub-Zero appliances, a private elevator, and a fully revamped sundeck.





Logan Square Custom Home



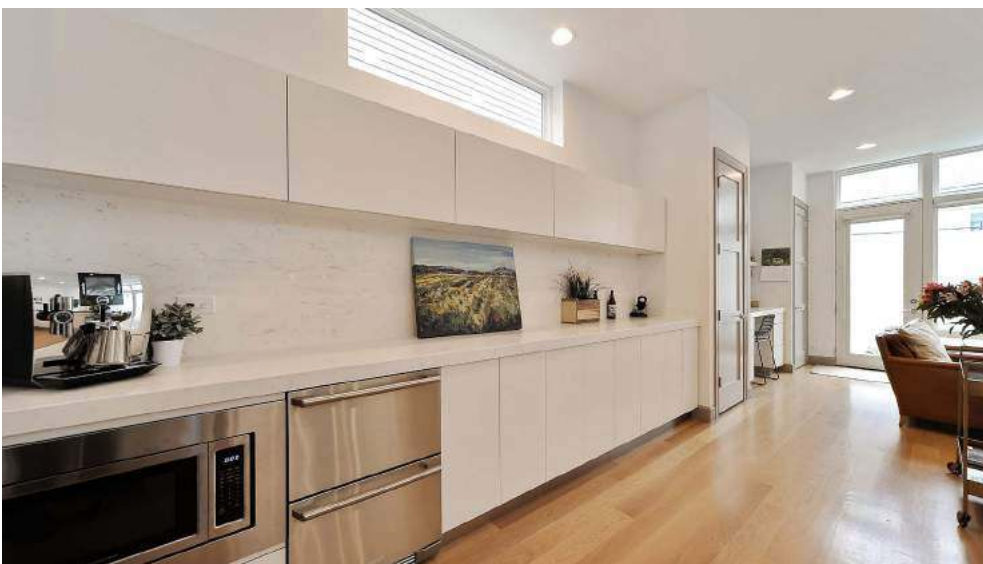
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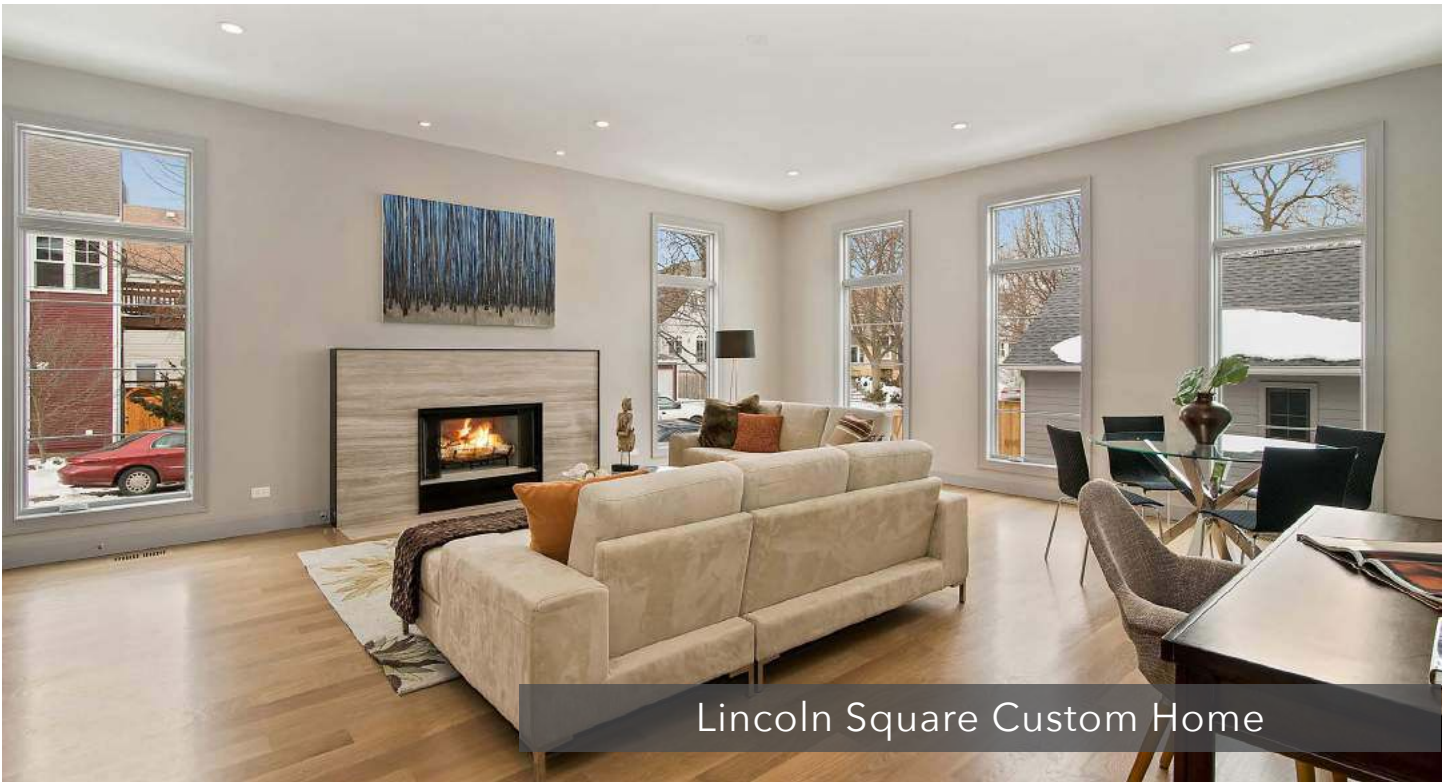
Architect:
Tandem Architecture

Interior Designer:
AC Atelier

Size: 3,500 SF

The intended design for this project was to push the perception of new single-family architecture within Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood, delivering an elevated level of interior finishes, rarely found in comparably priced homes. Tandem approached the project with a commitment to simplicity, creating a residence that emulated an underscored, modern character. The floor plan is open and the windows extend from floor to ceiling. Fluently uncomplicated, the interior elements emphasize simplicity through the cabinets, fireplace, and muted color scheme. Recognized for Outstanding Design in Architecture by the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago, the property won a Gold Key Award and was sold for the asking price within one week on the market.





Lincoln Square Custom Home



Architect:
Tandem Architecture

Interior Designer:
AC Atelier

Size: 4,500 SF

The design goal for this project was to create a structure that would be complemented by the surrounding neighborhood. Calling upon a modern farmhouse design, we blended the elevation into the existing landscape while delivering a contrast with elements such as a metal clad front door and integral planters. Taking advantage of its rare, corner location, we placed the front door on the side of the home to allow people to enter in through the middle of the residence. This provided the opportunity for a unique floor plan with the kitchen and central staircase at the heart of the home. The home is buffered from the street by a hedge of prairie grass. Additionally, Tandem petitioned for a variance to allow for a private, raised terrace. Recognized for Outstanding Design in Architecture by the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago, the property won a Gold Key Award and set an area record for price when it sold.

