



# COLLABORATION

CENTAUR INTERIORS X SAMUEL LYNNE GALLERIES

A go-to for the high-end residential market for over 12 years, Centaur Interiors has teamed up with Dallas-based Samuel Lynne Galleries to offer an in-house art sales division in its Chicago showroom. “As our brand was evolving, I felt it was more important to focus on art in the early stages of a project and identify designated art areas, niches, lighting and colors,” says Michael Miller, interiors principal. The company’s art procurement service will allow Centaur to incorporate curated art pieces—from renowned artists like Tyler Shields, JD Miller and Lea Fisher—into the design process. Says Miller, “We believe artwork should resonate with the viewer, and we represent artwork that sparks emotion.” [centaurinteriors.com](http://centaurinteriors.com)

# OPEN HOUSE

## EQ3

Chicago will soon be home to not one but two locations of Canadian furniture store EQ3. The first opened in January just off Michigan Avenue in River North. The second showroom opens this summer in Lincoln Park in a former car wash space (really!). EQ3 is known for its modern furniture and customizable sofa styles. Seasonal collections of gifts and accessories are also a draw. A few current favorites: Canadian designer Tom Chung’s Plank collection of storage units, sideboards and coffee tables, and the Nomad collection of woven Indian rugs. “Chicago is well known for its rich and forward-thinking history in the realms of art, design and architecture,” says EQ3 creative director Thom Fougere. “That cultured perspective, alongside our shared prairie temperament, makes for a really nice fit.” [eq3.com](http://eq3.com)



# RAISING THE BAR

THESE NEW ROOFTOP BARS PROVIDE PRIME VIEWING PLEASURE.



## Z BAR

Designed by Yabu Pushelberg, this space at The Peninsula Chicago projects a contemporary look with a sophisticated vibe. A progression of lounges, Z Bar features murals depicting the city’s bridges, while playful pug portraits are a nod to the pets of Z Bar namesake and The Peninsula general manager Maria Zec. It pulls off upscale without pretentiousness, and the staff, outfitted by designer Daryl Sneed, wins best dressed. [zbarchicago.com](http://zbarchicago.com)



## SX SKY BAR

An eclectic mix of colors, patterns and lighting creates a sensory experience atop Hotel Essex, reopened in April. Whimsical and bold, the space contains multiple bars and hidden nooks. “SX is, on one hand, a place to be on display, and on the other, a place to find your private corner,” says Chris McDonough, principal with The Gettys Group, who collaborated with designer Christy Collins. [sxskybar.com](http://sxskybar.com)



## CABRA

Opened in April, Cabra is situated on top of The Hoxton hotel. Chef Stephanie Izard’s Peruvian-inspired cuisine was bound to be a hit, yet the restaurant’s design is just as enticing, with details like glossy green tilework and pom drapery touches. “We dove into experimenting with bold colors and textures to pay homage to the South American country’s cultural vibrancy,” says Adam Farmerie, principal at AvroKO. [cabrachicago.com](http://cabrachicago.com)