

Quiet luxury meets mindful design-this showhouse kitchen embraces wellness through thoughtful finishes, balance. and refined simplicity







Pantry/Larder

A moody pantry (or larder) defined by a textured quartz backsplash—where color, light, and texture create layered depth

MAKING A **SPLASH**



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or George Markoutsas, every great design starts with curiosity. "We don't begin with a style in mind—we begin with a conversation," he says. "The first step is understanding our client's life, rhythms, and aspirations for their home. From there, we can shape a design that's as functional as it is beautiful."

What luxury trends are you seeing when designing kitchens and bathrooms? Luxury today is defined by how a space makes you feel, not just how it looks. We're seeing a strong emphasis on wellness—designing environments that restore, calm, and support healthy living. Lighting remains essential, shaping mood and functionality with precision. Convenience is also redefining luxury, whether through thoughtful automation, seamless storage, or intuitive layouts. Together, these trends prioritize harmony, comfort, and effortless sophistication.

What is your design process when creating the ultimate luxury kitchen? Every kitchen begins with curiosity and conversation. We listen closely to our clients—their daily rituals, aspirations, and how they want to live in the space. From there, we layer in functionality, materiality, and craftsmanship, ensuring each detail earns its place. Our process blends methodical planning with inspired creativity, resulting in kitchens that embody quiet luxury—timeless, intuitive, and designed to enrich everyday life in meaningful ways.

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