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MODEL LIFE

By Nicholas Demmy

Want a new lease on life? Good news! These three new high-rises offer more than just breathtaking views for renters—all have unveiled model units by the biggest local names in design, offering potential residents inspiration for their own abodes. Want to showcase floor-to-ceiling windows while creating an intimate, comfortable environment? Or maximize space without feeling cramped? Check out how designers Michael Richman (of Michael Richman Interiors), Sally Cathcart (of Smith + Gill), and Lisa Simeone and Diana Keen (of Simeone Deary), who outfitted Trump Tower, K2 Apartments and The Grant, respectively, pulled off the balancing act perfectly.



Michael Richman, Trump Tower

Michael Richman performed perfectly under pressure when it came to the two-bedroom, two-bath pop-up apartment in Trump Tower he outfitted in under 10 days for the annual art exhibition Expo Chicago. Richman cut time by sourcing most of the pieces locally: Jean de Merry provided gorgeous, shearling-clad seating; The Rug Company's lush floor coverings added warmth; and Lightology lent a stunning Swarovski chandelier. He also chose lighting that would not obstruct the cityscape. Artworks from Expo's partner galleries graced the walls, including Rhona Hoffman and Stephen Daiter. The most innovative idea? A sticker-art installation that spans the guest bedroom's exterior windows reads: "I'm Trying To Tell You How I Feel." For anyone lucky enough to reside here, that response would be "blessed."

One-bedrooms start at \$2,350, goldcoastrealty-chicago.com



Smith + Gill, K2 Apartments

Known primarily for international projects in locations ranging from Hong Kong to London, architecture firm Smith + Gill showed some local love by partnering with luxury high-rise K2 Apartments in River West this past spring. Designer Sally Cathcart curated the interior common areas, sourcing from stores such as BoConcept and Restoration Hardware to furnish the Miesian-esque lobby (which boasts some original Lichtensteins!). She then carried that clean, modern look into several mock residences and added pops of texture, color and pattern. "We designed for the young professional set: a little bit rustic, a little bit glam, but sophisticated—mirrors, velvets and furs," she says. Still, the designer made sure her scheme was accessible to both males, females and the wallet. "It looks great and shows a budget-friendly furniture scheme at the same time,"

says Cathcart. Studios start at \$1,650, k2apts.com



Simeone Deary, The Grant

"Our intended demographic rests in people who are engaged in the city," says Lisa Simeone of Simeone Deary Design Group, describing their work on The Grant building in the South Loop. "We were bringing together a lot of personalities in a holistic way." Simeone, along with design associate Diana Keen, stripped six different dated units and made them over as fully functional homes that speak to a variety of sensibilities. The team pulled together concepts ranging from the sleek and chic White Nest, for older couples whose children have flown the coop; to Urban Playground, for the eclectically hip younger family; to Weekday Warrior for the hardworking younger crowd who doesn't spend much time at home—and thus enjoys more flexible, iconic surroundings. With private balconies, 9-foot ceilings and panoramic city views, "iconic" is a fitting description indeed. *Pricing upon request, related.com*