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A REALLY BIG SHOW

NKBA|KBIS 2023 was one of the largest shows in the event's 60-year running. Check out some of this year's major hits and highlights!



ABOVE A glance at some of the myriad products in the Kohler booth this year.

TOP RIGHT Property Brothers Jonathan and Drew Scott joined NKBA CEO Bill Darcy for the State of the Industry.

RIGHT Attendees enjoyed getting together in person to see all the innovation at the show.

"WE EXPECTED a successful show based on the preliminary numbers, but we were blown away by the final attendance numbers for KBIS and Design & Construction Week – it was just incredible," said Bill Darcy, CEO of NKBA, which owns KBIS and celebrated its 60th anniversary there. "Our goal when we created DCW with

our partner, the National Association of Homebuilders, was to become the biggest trade show in North America ... and, for now, we are."

Both KBIS and the International Builders' Show marked the 10th anniversary of DCW. Please visit KBIS.com and NKBA.org for more show coverage and information.





TOP LEFT New offerings from Wellborn Cabinet

TOP RIGHT The NKBA booth hosted many events and programs, as the association celebrated its 60th year.

ABOVE LEFT Signature Kitchen Suite's KBIS Uncorked was a big hit yet again.

ABOVE RIGHT KBB's executive editor, Chelsie Butler, interviewed the 2022 Person of the Year, Jeanne Chung, on the KBIS NEXT Stage.

LEFT Visitors discuss new products at the Marmite booth.

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BY THE NUMBERS

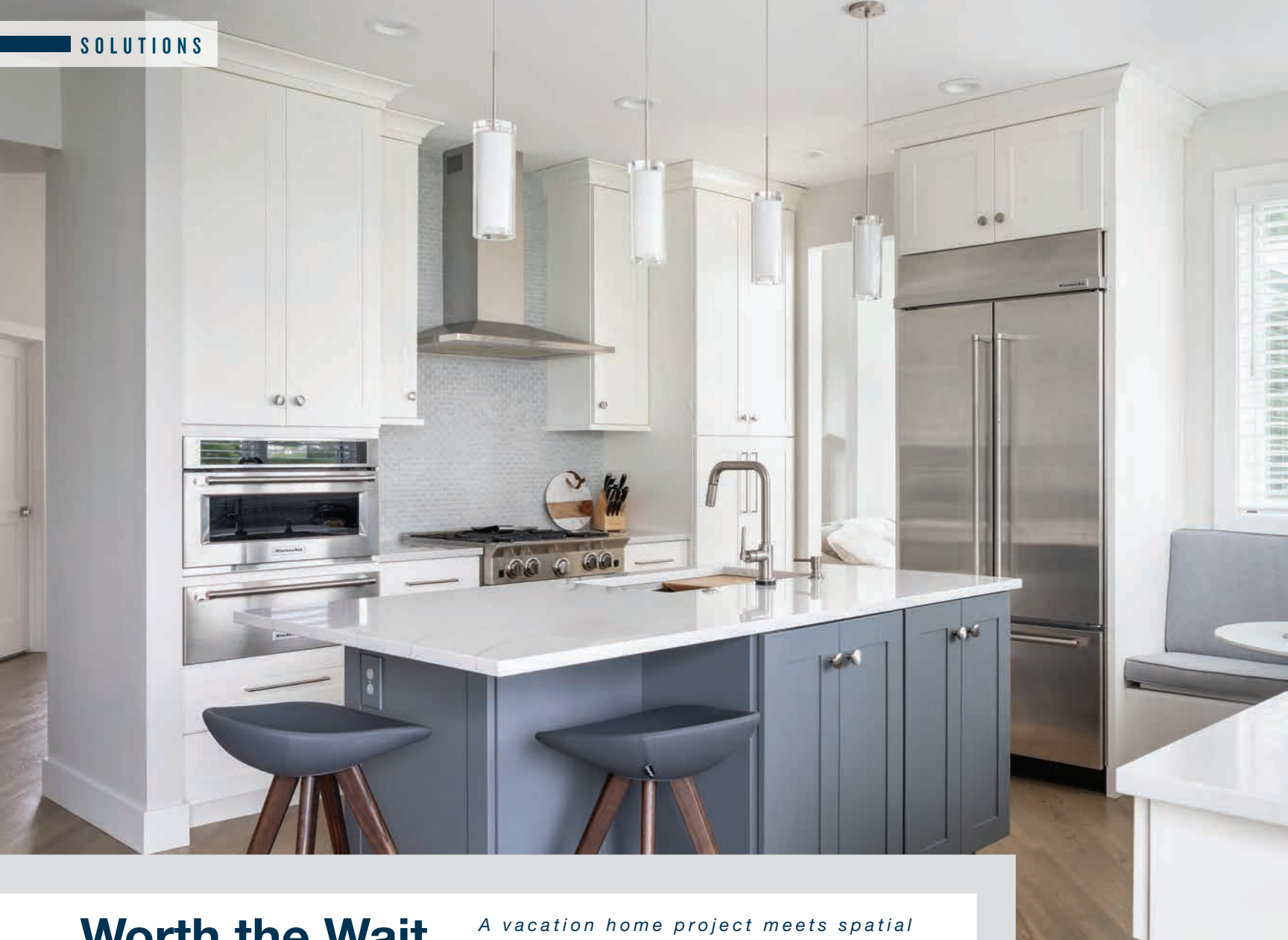
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KBIS ATTENDEES

51%
FIRST-TIME
ATTENDEES

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Worth the Wait

A vacation home project meets spatial constraints and supply chain challenges

DESIGNER PAIGE MAURER, CKBD, of Traverse City, Mich.-based Paige Lee Interiors, had been hired to remodel the bathrooms of a couple's second home on Lake Michigan. Once she got started, the clients added more rooms until the project became a whole-house renovation.

"With its late-1980s remodel, the home was dated," said Maurer. "It was dark and dysfunctional, especially the kitchen. The clients enjoy cooking and entertaining, and the house was not set up for either."

The clients' goal was for the renovation to be finished in time for the summer holidays. Despite a clear vision, Maurer encountered a few complications, including one that left the vacation home incomplete when the homeowners arrived.

CHALLENGE #1 – FULFILLING REQUESTS WITH LIMITED SQUARE FOOTAGE

After laying out the kitchen, Maurer learned that the husband wanted a breakfast nook, which was not included in her design. The room had limited square footage, and she had already worked in the requested bar area for coffee and wine service.

ABOVE While the clients' current permanent residence is modern, the architecture of the lake home is not, so they wanted to find a good balance of clean lines and a look that was still true to the house. Paige Maurer, CKBD, Paige Lee Interiors, chose a transitional design, and she leaned into the colors present in the Northern Michigan landscape – hints of blue and warm tones. The island cabinet color offers a nod to the Leland Blue rocks found along Lake Michigan.

By CARRIE WHITNEY



“It took a lot of reworking to figure out where the breakfast area should be and make it all fit,” said the designer. “We had to work around existing windows and slider doors.”

She utilized a corner area, which had been originally planned to hold cabinetry, and put banquette seating along each wall of the corner then added a small, round table. With this secondary dining area tucked away, she was still able to include the three specific work zones she wanted – prepping, cooking and entertaining. The island and sink offer ample space, while the range and ovens are on the same wall. The bar sits next to the banquette and is conveniently adjacent to the dining and living rooms.

CHALLENGE #2 – ANGLING FOR SPACE IN THE BATHROOM

Spatial challenges were an issue in the main bathroom too, where Maurer was asked to include a separate shower and a tub large enough for her tall clients. The original cave-like shower was backed by an angled wall, while the drop-in tub with a deck sat in a closed-off alcove.

Luckily, on the other side of the shower wall sat a closet, so Maurer squared off the shower’s interior wall and left the angled wall in the closet. Placing a 72-in. freestanding tub under the window and replacing the full wall between the tub and shower with a pony wall topped by a clear glass shower enclosure created a more spacious feeling.

The vanity area was tight and also featured an awkward angled wall. Maurer considered squaring it off and borrowing space from another closet behind it to create better elbow room, but her clients told her there was no need. One is left-handed and the other is right-handed, so they knew they could successfully use the sinks without bumping into each other.

Nevertheless, the area did not offer significant space for storage. As a

ABOVE To complete the breakfast nook, a small Tulip Table was used to create the cozy dining spot that was a must-have for the homeowners. To the right, the bar includes a beverage/wine cooler and a glass-paneled wall cabinet.

BELOW Although the vanities are tucked into angled walls, they offer maximized storage and counter space thanks to recessed medicine cabinets.



solution, Maurer recessed the medicine cabinets that look like frameless mirrors to gain storage without jutting over the countertop.

CHALLENGE #3 – LEAD TIME WOES

Reworking layouts and getting creative with wall angles were obstacles Maurer could fix, but the most difficult challenge of this renovation came from the pandemic. The clients had wanted the house completed by July when they planned to arrive for their summer stay. But the designer said lead times were at their peak of being out of control, and the project went two months later than expected.

The appliances arrived in time because Maurer had ordered those early, although “on time” meant a wait of eight or nine months. But when the countertops hadn’t arrived by July, the contractor made temporary plywood tops for the kitchen island and bathrooms, so the clients were able to stay at the house during their planned vacation.

“Part of the reason the countertops were not there was because the other elements that needed to be done before we could order them were not done on time,” said the designer.

The chain reaction started when the floor refinishing was delayed by a labor issue, which meant the cabinets were not installed on time. That set back creating the template to order the countertops. The marble fireplace surround was also delayed until a few months after the project was complete. To mitigate the distress for her clients, Maurer kept them informed. After two years of pandemic-related issues, she knows communication is key, and deadlines might be impossible.

“The clients knew in advance that we weren’t looking good,” she said. “We came up with some solutions to make it livable for them for a couple weeks, but it’s probably not the best idea to plan an event so close to finishing a project in our world today.” ●



ABOVE Making the most of natural light from the spacious window, the shower features a ceiling-height glass enclosure that lets in light and traps heat and steam for warm winter showers. Maurer continued the color palette of warm gray with the porcelain shower tile with a hint of blue, which ties it into other areas of the home like the kitchen island.

SOURCES: **DESIGNER:** Paige Maurer, CKBD, Paige Lee Interiors; **PHOTOGRAPHER:** Kristen Turick • **KITCHEN BACKSPLASH:** Ann Sacks Savoy Mosaics; **BANQUETTE SEATING:** Custom by Paige Lee Interiors; **BANQUETTE TABLE:** Knoll; **BAR STOOLS:** Calligaris - Palm; **BEVERAGE COOLER, DISHWASHER, MICROWAVE, OVENS & REFRIGERATOR:** KitchenAid; **COUNTERTOPS:** Cambria; **CABINETS:** Plato Woodwork; **FAUCET:** Brizo; **HARDWARE:** Top Knobs; **HOOD:** Zephyr; **ISLAND CABINET PAINT:** Sherwin-Williams; **LIGHTING:** Tech Lighting; **RANGE:** BlueStar; **SINK:** Ruvati; **WINDOWS:** Pella • **MAIN BATH CABINET HARDWARE:** Top Knobs; **COUNTERTOP:** Cambria; **FAUCETS & SHOWER FIXTURES:** Kallista; **FLOORING & SHOWER TILE:** Florim MileStone; **LIGHTING:** Moooi & Besa Lighting; **MEDICINE CABINETS:** Kohler; **PAINT:** Sherwin-Williams; **SHOWER ENCLOSURE:** C.R. Lawrence; **TOWEL WARMER:** Warmly Yours; **TUB:** MTI Baths; **VANITIES:** Plato Woodwork; **WINDOW TREATMENT:** Hunter Douglas

WHAT'S HOT IN BATH CABINETS

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The **ARAN WORLD** Bathroom Collection extends the signature minimalist look found in the firm's kitchen cabinets into the bath. Mixed materials are blended into modular furnishings and storage units. arancucine.it

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From **CARTISAN DESIGN** and Karton Republic, the Portree Vanity is inspired by mid-century modern design. Available in 30-, 48-, 60- and 72-in. models in matte white and walnut finishes, it features ceramic vessel sinks, a white quartz countertop, soft-close drawers, adjustable doors and tapered solid wood legs. kartonrepublic.com

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A 90-degree swing door at the corner of the Dolcevitva Vanity by **IDEAGROUP** expands the storage of the drawer-based design. Offered in 90 finishes and colors; coordinating vertical cabinets are also available. ideagrouppathrooms.com

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In 20- and 27-in. sizes, the Diva Collection by **SCARABEO** has a drawer unit that doubles as an open shelf. Supported by a tubular metal frame, the console design comes in seven finishes. scarabeosrl.com

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Designed by Christian Werner for **DURAVIT**, the Ketho.2 Series has full-length anthracite handles. Available in nine finishes and in sizes ranging from 16 1/8-in. to 47 5/8-in., the vanities and tall cabinets are made of sustainable PEFC-certified materials. duravit.us

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From **MILLDUE**, the Noorth Touch Collection features an integral basin. Available in two depths and five drawer configurations that allow for wall- or floor-drain installations, it is offered in lacquer, wood and stone finishes. 210designhouse.com

WHAT'S HOT EVERYWHERE ELSE

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The Tayla tub and sink are part of the new Cosmopolitan Collection from **MTI BATHS**. Its 14 freestanding tubs, eight sinks and shower bases are crafted from a limestone-based mineral composite. Finishes include glossy and matte; colors include white, black and gray. mtibaths.com

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Designed by Patricia Urquiola for **AGAPE**, the Cenote and Cenote Lava sinks have rough textured exteriors and richly glazed interiors. The vessels come in two diameter sizes, 420mm and 450mm. agapedesign.it

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From **TASK LIGHTING & POWER**, the 120V Bar Light has three white light temperature settings – soft 3000K, cool white 4000K, or daylight white 5000K – that simplify coordinating under-cabinet lighting with room lighting. Available for both hardwire or plug-in installations. tasklighting.com

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A new radiator by **ANTRAX IT**, Rabbit brings warmth and storage to the bathroom. Vertical rods act as hooks for bathrobes, and towels can be hung on the horizontal elements. Available with rectangular or circular bars, in glossy or matte white and black. anrax.it

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THOR KITCHEN has introduced new Tilt Panel Professional Electric Ranges. The energy-efficient ranges are available in 30- and 36-in. models and feature a motorized touch-control panel with LCD display, which tilts up to preferred viewing angle before automatically or manually lowering into place. thorkitchen.com

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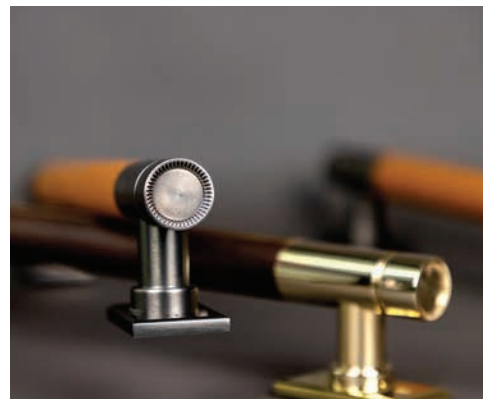
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MIRLUX introduces three new super-matte colors to its line of PET surfaces. The creamy neutral shades – warm white, willow and dove grey – all combine well with wood patterns. mirluxpanel.com

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From **GRANDEUR HARDWARE**, new crystal doorknobs add drama and sparkle to the home. In a striking faceted baguette shape, the clear or black knobs can be combined with nine finishes of solid brass rosette and plate designs. grandeurhardware.com

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The **KEELER BRASS CO.** is collaborating with appliance manufacturer Monogram and its creative director/designer Richard T. Anuszkiewicz on a handcrafted collection of hardware for customized appliances. Both the Titanium and Brass collections feature handles wrapped with sustainably sourced leather. keelerbrasscompany.com

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The Ora Pizza Oven by **NEXGRILL** is a portable, propane-powered unit that has a built-in smoke chamber to infuse pizzas with woodsmoke flavor. The cast aluminum oven generates 14,000 Btu to fire up a pizza in under five minutes. nexgrill.com

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The Chroma-Inset Cabinet Door by **DURA SUPREME** is a contemporary slab door available with flush inset or beaded inset styling. Available with concealed or decorative hinges in a range of painted finishes. durasupreme.com

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Two new sink lines from **NIAGARA** coordinate with the brand's Liberty and Shadow toilets. Available in varying heights and circumferences, the white vitreous china designs include drop-in, wall-hung and pedestal models. niagaracorp.com