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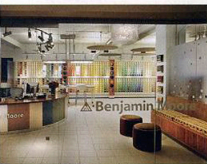
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### 1 Benjamin Moore & Co.

The Benjamin Moore color wheel is a decorator's secret weapon—and so is the brand's color showroom on the Mart's 16th floor. With more than 3,300 hues and proprietary lab-quality lighting for expert color viewing (natural, incandescent, or halogen), this outpost offers everything but the paint. Suite 1686, 312-822-0600, [benjaminmoore.com](http://benjaminmoore.com)

### 2 C.A.I. Designs

The mix of furniture here looks like a trendy interior design magazine photograph. A new gallery displays upholstered pieces from Cisco Brothers (also sold by fine furniture retailers) that pair well with imports. Chic custom metal drink tables by Kolikka sit nicely alongside refined and elegant wood furniture from CR Currin. Suite 1679, 312-755-9163

### 1 Sample Sale Suite

Pop in for an ever-changing assortment of past-season showroom samples and off-the-floor products, including furniture, accessories, and artwork. Don't be afraid to bargain a bit—we hear that prices are often negotiable. Suite 1563, 773-852-6184, [merchandise.martdesigncenter.com](http://merchandise.martdesigncenter.com)

### 1 Bradley Hughes

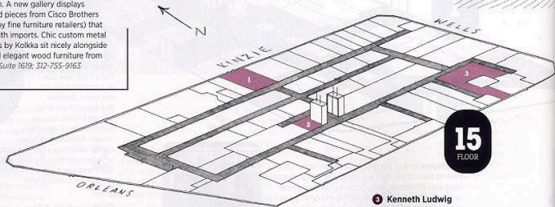
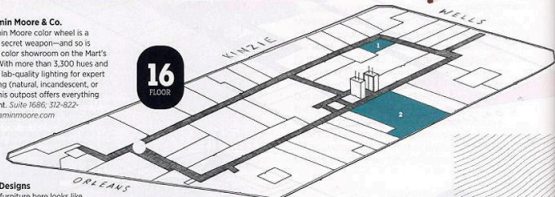
This Atlanta-based company is brand new to the Mart, and it's quickly becoming top of mind for designers. A far cry from traditional Southern décor, all of the modern statement pieces are handmade in the United States, making for incredibly short lead-times on concrete tables, hand-forged iron pieces, acid-antiqued mirrors, and fine art. Suite 1855, 312-624-9997, [bradley-hughes.com](http://bradley-hughes.com)

### 2 Design Atelier-Modern

This showroom represents a well-curated mix of more than 30 lines of furniture. Swoon over the new Poet Furniture line from the L.A.-based designer Carol Poet, who's known for her Hollywood A-list clients. Suite 1848, 312-822-0440

### 3 4 Holly Hunt

The company headquarters of Hunt's namesake Chicago furniture company takes up two austere and dramatic floors. Find Hunt's own designs—some of the most finely made (and pricey) furnishings in the Mart—as well as collections from those she deems best in the field: Dakota Jackson, Rose Tarlow, John Himmel, and the like. Suite 1844 (and 1728), 312-661-1900, [hollyhunt.com](http://hollyhunt.com)



### 2 LinenMe

The Lithuanian interior designer Inga Lukauskienė brought her passion for luxe linen and home textiles to the Mart in June 2010. This colorful showroom represents her first U.S. venture, and here shoppers will find coverlets, duvets, and table and bath linens, as well as drapery panels in three ready-made sizes, available in a rainbow of colors. Suite 1524A, [linenme.com](http://linenme.com)

### 3 Kenneth Ludwig Home Furnishings

Ludwig himself oversees this friendly and warm environment, and you can usually find him buzzing about a new discovery or offering a snack and chic seat. Recently, we admired the new lighting line from Divine Design TV darling Candice Olson and furnishings from Lee Industries and One Good Chair. Most of the wares here are well suited to apartment living and budget friendly. Suite 1510, 312-467-0530, [kennethludwig.com](http://kennethludwig.com)

