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For the design-obsessed:

The newly completed Aspen Art Museum, designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Shigeru Ban, should be on the bucket list of any design enthusiast.

What's trending?

We're thrilled to see more clients embracing the use of native plants in lieu of colorful annual plantings, which not only reduces

water consumption and increases wildlife habitats, but renders the "hand of the landscape architect" nearly invisible.

Can't get enough of...

Architects and designers who are blurring the boundaries between indoor and outdoor

spaces in simple and compelling ways. I recently had the pleasure of collaborating with Backen, Gillam & Kroeger Architects on a family retreat designed in a modern rural vernacular that provided seamless living for the clients.

Go-to event of summer:

I make it a point to never miss the Aspen Food & Wine Classic. Incredible food and amazing wine with Aspen Mountain as the backdrop—what more could you want?

Shop 'til you drop:

The downtown pedestrian malls provide plenty of opportunities to splurge. I love Rag & Bone, Moncler and the local Pitkin County Dry Goods, which opened in 1969.

On your bookshelf:

I always find myself picking up my copy of *Dan Kiley: The Complete Works of America's Master Landscape Architect*. Kiley was one of the most important and visionary modernist landscape architects, and flipping through its pages always inspires me.

Mike Albert is a Harvard-educated landscape architect and founder of Aspen-based Design Workshop. His favorite Colorado landmark is the historic Hotel Jerome, which welcomed its first guests in 1889.

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Keep an eye on...

Jeff Shelton in Santa Barbara. He's somewhere between an artist, craftsman and architect. He appreciates all of those worlds and comes up with some really outside-the-box ways to integrate them, like covering the outside of a home in work from local artists.

What's trending?

Color. So many of our customers are making ever-larger commitments to color, and I'm seeing a lot of blues, grays and browns in the market right now. They make a wonderful blank slate for accent colors. A bright yellow refrigerator, for example, will really pop in a gray kitchen.

Happening in Boulder:

Right now, the city is a living laboratory for sustainable ideas. Boulder's businesses are working hard to innovate and lead in the green sector, and it's beyond inspiring.

Up next:

We're just launching our new, turn-of-the-century-style Classic line. It's a complete departure from our midcentury aesthetic, with a rugged, industrial and handcrafted feel. We're excited about it, and it allows our products to find a home within a wide variety of styles and design genres.

For the design-obsessed:

If you must go anywhere—besides our Big Chill headquarters, of course—make sure it's the Boulder Dushanbe Teahouse or the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art. They're both innovators in their own right.

Luxury is...

Having a bicycle to ride for every season! I love to be outside and there's no better place for that than Boulder. It's a wonderful city with a great vibe.

Go-to destinations:

If I had just one day to spend in Boulder, I'd get brunch at Chautauqua Dining Hall and hike the Mount Sanitas Trailhead with my family before dinner and a stroll on Pearl Street.

Orion Creamer is the founder of retro-inspired appliance company Big Chill. The Boulder-based entrepreneur makes a mean cucumber-jalapeño margarita and owns a ridiculous amount of shoes.

Images: From top: Landscape architect Mike Albert's work focuses on outdoor living environments that truly engage with their interior counterparts. Big Chill founder Orion Creamer's colorful appliances are standouts in any kitchen.