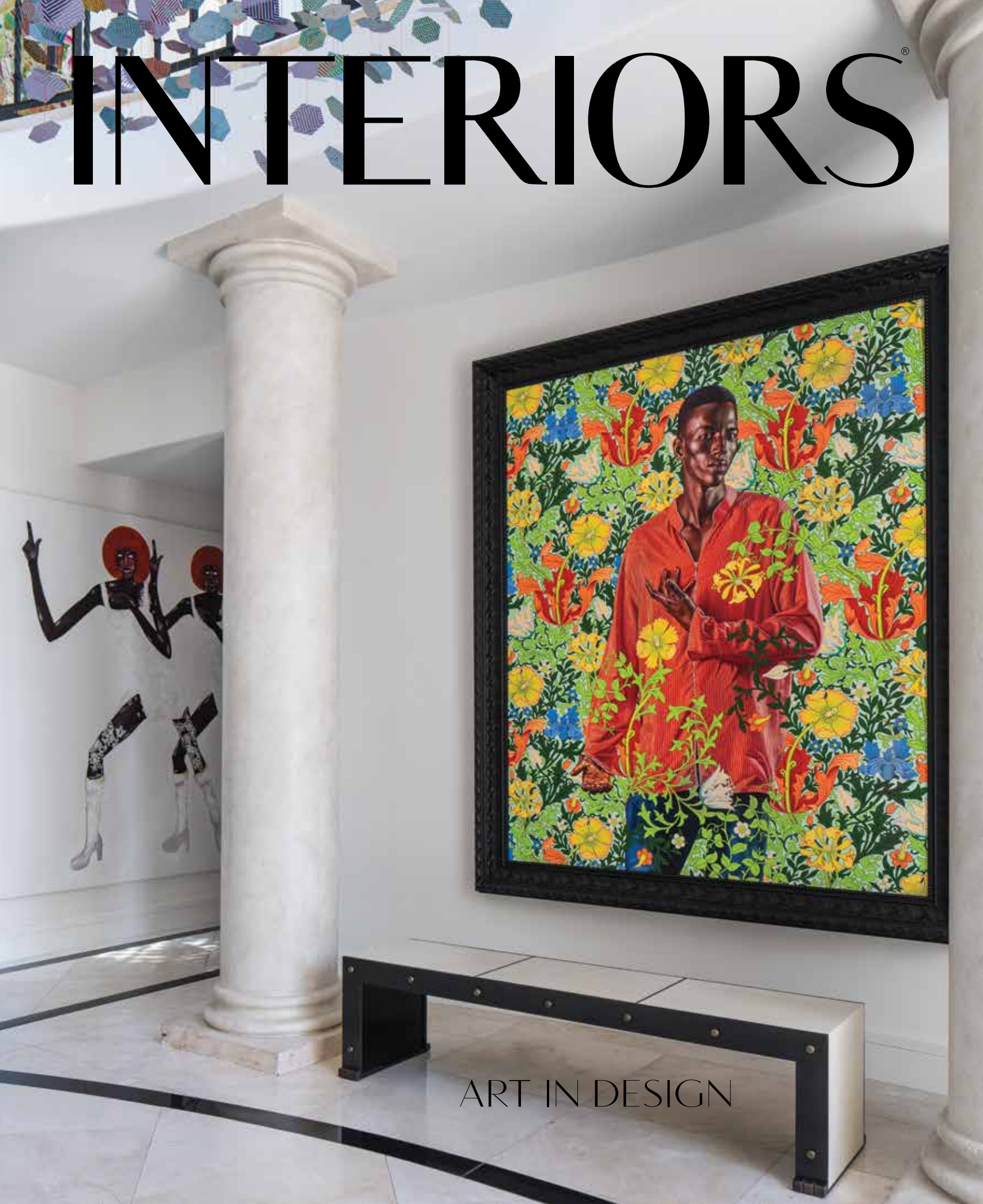


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PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ

With the help of design firm BAMO, the Ritz-Carlton in Chicago—at the storied Water Tower Place on Chicago's Magnificent Mile—has received a significant design makeover. Starting with the lobby (above and opposite bottom), BAMO shook off any hint of old tradition in favor of a sleek new approach. The lobby reception was reinvigorated with a light palette, natural materials, modern lines and an art piece by Roxy Paine set against the main wall. This visual element, notes BAMO principals, “draws the eye toward the restaurant and bar, allowing guests to feel the energy of the spaces beyond.” Tall, vertical walnut “fins” improve flow for guests and frame the lobby and hotel bar. ritzcarlton.com; bamo.com

