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nuHaus' Chicago showroom sits in the heart of the design district.

## RETAIL SPACE SHOWS ART OF CABINETRY

**nuHaus Fine Cabinetry & Design** relocated its 5,000-square-foot showroom to the River North design district of Chicago last year, a move which has provided the company with higher visibility among architects and consumers.

“We believe that this is an exciting time to set deeper roots in the center of Chicago’s design community,” says Doug Durbin, who co-owns the design firm with his brother John. Founded in 1988, nuHaus is a division of cabinetry manufacturer Exclusive Woodworking. nuHaus also represents Downview Kitchens cabinetry.

With a name adopted from the famous German Bauhaus design school, nuHaus showcases the “seamless merging of aesthetics and function” with custom offerings in cabinetry, furnishings and architectural millwork. “Good design can be beautiful as well as functional. I am fan of this approach,

and I apply it to my projects,” Durbin says.

The showroom consists of five display areas, highlighting the latest design and technology trends. An example is the Scanomat TopBrewer faucet (*pictured right*), a coffee delivery system offering everything from espresso to lattes at the touch of a button, even on an iPad or iPhone. Its brewing unit fits underneath the cabinet into a 24-inch-wide space.

Color design trends noted by Durbin include preferences for white and grey for cabinetry. “White paint, especially in traditional and transitional applications, is always in demand. There is such a love for classic architecture in this country that I don’t think these looks will ever not be one of our best sellers.” Of grey, he adds, “It can be a warm tonal color and a nice alternative to white. In the right balance, it can absolutely be a timeless choice for the kitchen.”

