



CITY SLICKERS

Urban Artisans

With an allegiance to an industrial aesthetic, Christopher Hildebrand and Hinmaton Hisler's design-build firm **Tektonics** (tektonics.com) is blowing up. Their Richmond and Washington Navy Yard studios are fabricating a major glass installation for Rachel Carson park, while residential projects, furniture orders and accolades for their bike company, Stijl Cycles, keep rolling in.

HOME BODY

YOUNG *and* HUNGRY

Keen to fill an untapped market for contemporary, creative design, **Christopher Patrick's** new interiors venture is set to make him the city's next design star.

After cutting his teeth at award-winning firms in Chevy Chase and Great Falls, the young designer with a penchant for color recently branched out on his own. This spring, he'll complete a project in Cleveland Park, where he's collaborating with Kaleo Kala to create custom furniture. He's also revamping his Petworth pad and tracking the endeavor on his blog, Blue Rooms—White

Houses. "DC lacks the fun design we see in California or New York," he says. "Thanks to the influx of the city's young designers, this type of style can finally thrive."



The city's next design star

HOUSE PROUD

A NEW *View*

The Washington Design Center (dcdesigncenter.com) gets a midcentury modern punch this month with the opening of **Haven Interiors**, started by esteemed Upscale Resale founder Bob Willey. Having spent the last two decades

sourcing furniture from estate sales and auctions for his prior consignment venture, Willey's discerning eye and talented restoration team offer a dreamy selection of wares that are restored to mint condition. Expect to see goods ranging from icons by Le Corbusier, T.H. Robsjohn-Gibbings and Maison Jansen, to chic French antiques.



"Despite economic uncertainty, several projects will have a profound effect on DC in 2012. Residential and commercial ventures will bring major changes to the old Convention Center site, Shaw, the 14th Street corridor and H Street." — G. MARTIN MOELLER JR., SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND CURATOR AT THE NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM

BUBBLING UP

LUXE *Lodging*

Hilton McLean Tysons Corner (hilton.com) completes its \$45 million renovation this spring. With additional ballrooms featuring energy-efficient lights and heat, expanded meeting spaces, a technology lounge, new guest rooms and a lobby complete with an interactive front desk and 18-hour bar, the area-hotel is the first to show off the brand's new design DNA.

