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THOM FILICIA DESIGNER INTERVIEW | FALL'S COLORFUL CANVAS | BE WELL WITH ZINTRA

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# THE MDC ADVANTAGE: **Your One-Stop** Shop for Exceptional **Interior Solutions**

MDC goes beyond simply providing interior design products. We offer a comprehensive solution that streamlines your project journey, ensuring exceptional results.

Our nationwide network of dedicated Account Executives provides personalized guidance from the first sketch to the final installation. This unwavering commitment extends to brand standard development, ensuring consistency across all your projects. Competitive pricing programs further enhance the value we deliver, making high-quality design solutions more accessible.

**Our dedicated Account Executives and** a specialized Strategic Accounts team provide personalized guidance from project inception to completion.





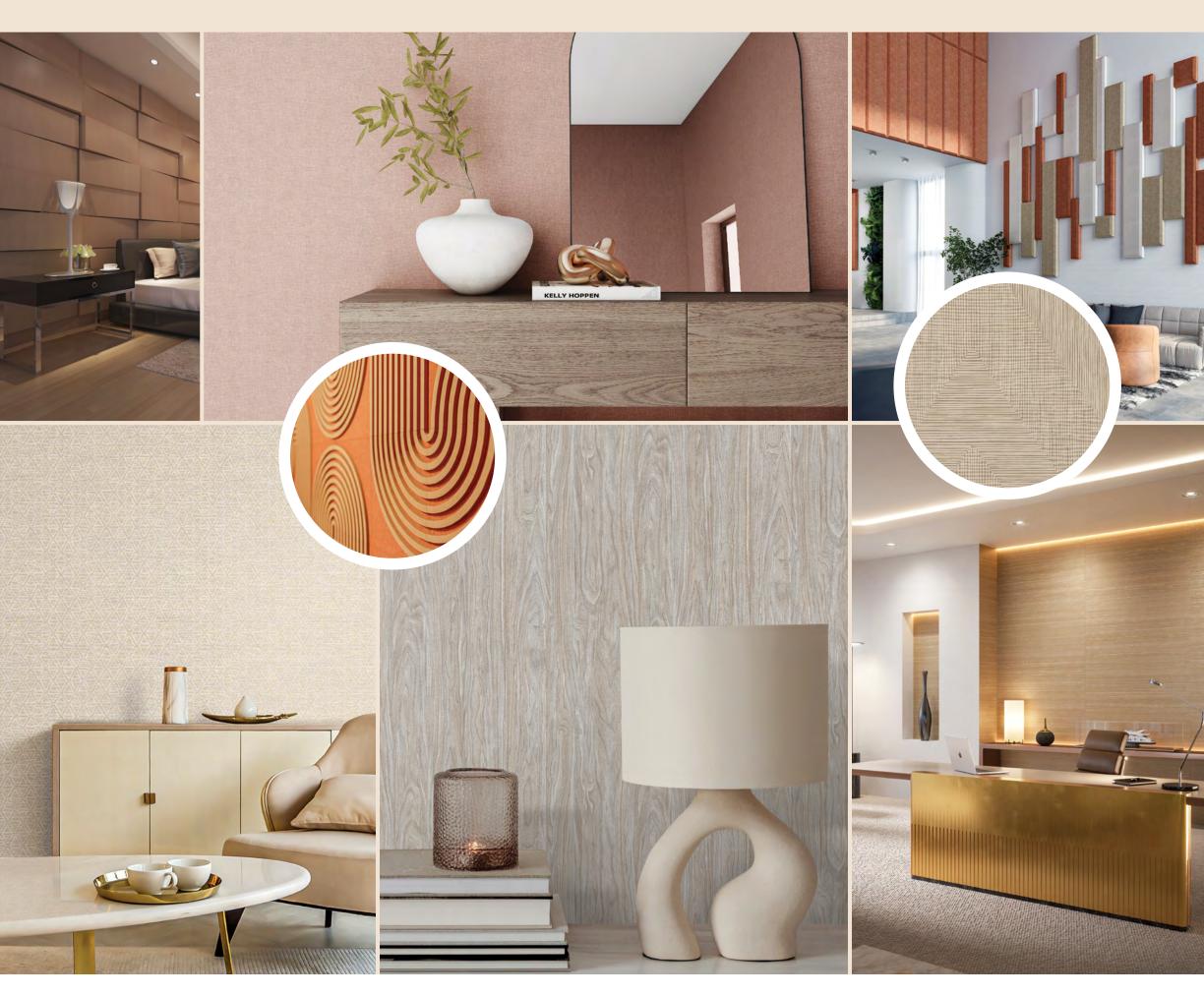
# **UNMATCHED SERVICE,** SEAMLESS EXECUTION

MDC's Single Source portfolio empowers you to create functional spaces that marry aesthetics with performance. From leadingedge design finishes to top-tier acoustic materials, our diverse selection caters to your unique design challenges.

We understand the importance of seamless project execution. That's why we provide extensive resources, including detailed installation guides, AutoCAD and Revit files, and expert project management. Our commitment extends to ongoing technical support, ensuring your project's success from start to finish.



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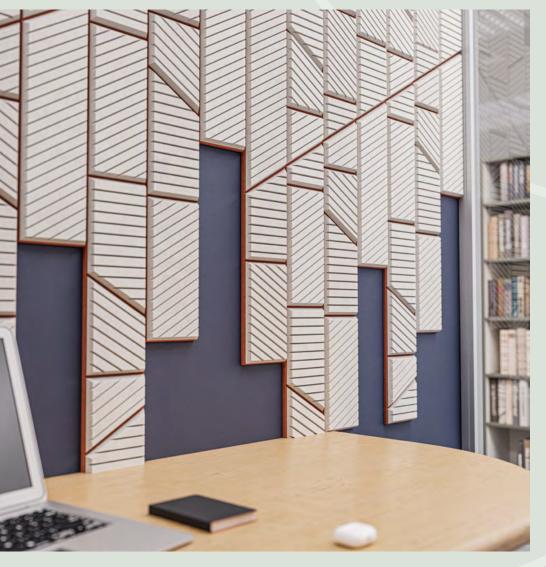
Colorful Canvas

WRAP YOUR SPACE in autumn's warmth. Layer walls in rich, natural hues with our Woodland Architectural Panels offerings. Or, dress up spaces with nature-inspired motifs with a selection from our Natural Silks II collection for a captivating, cozy ambiance.

ALLOW THE PATTERNS from Zintra to grace your walls, creating a vibrant backdrop for the season while enhancing tranquility with its sound-reducing properties. Pops of color from Type II wallcoverings can also add seasonal contrast. Weave these elements together for an inspiring and tranquil space.

# focus on, noise off.

Acoustic Solutions Designed to Supercharge Productivity



Zintra: Link Tiles in Parchment and Saffron.

### OPEN OFFICES, while

fostering collaboration, often come with the unwanted side effect of noise. Constant distractions can hinder focus and productivity. Zintra's revolutionary soundabsorbing tiles, engineered in partnership with leading acousticians, offer a solution. With an NRC rating of up to an impressive 1.15, our most advanced tiles are designed with maximum acoustic absorption in mind, creating a calmer, more focused workspace. Experience increased productivity, improved concentration, and a more harmonious work environment with Zintra.



Zintra: Emerald Tiles in Pebble and Poplar.



Zintra: Wall Tiles Tablet in Storm and Cadet.

# design for delight

**ZINTRA** isn't just about function. It is also 100% customizable, letting you create calming visuals and color palettes on walls, ceilings, and even partitions—all while absorbing noise for a tranquil atmosphere. Employees and customers alike will immediately feel the difference in the space as it transforms into a more welcoming and comfortable environment. Zintra: Design for comfort, design for success.



Zintra: Beams Square in Rustic Walnut.



Zintra: Shadow Box Tiles in Terrazo Dark and Parchment.



hom Filicia's name is synonymous with stylish and sophisticated interiors. From his early days doodling house plans in elementary school to his starring role on the original "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," Filicia's passion for design has shone through every stage of his career. Recently, we sat down with Thom to discuss his design journey, his favorite patterns from the "Best of Thom" collection at MDC, and his advice for aspiring designers.

# EARLY INSPIRATION AND THE POWER OF TRUST

Filicia's love for design blossomed early on. Encouraged by positive feedback from teachers and a supportive principal, he honed his skills throughout his academic career, culminating in studies at Syracuse University's School of Art and Design. As Filicia began working for major design firms after graduation, he also started to learn first-hand the genuine importance of clear communication and trust when collaborating with others. This lesson has stuck with him throughout all of his professional endeavors, sharing "when there's confidence and trust, it allows for the most creative and rewarding projects."

#### A LIGHTHEARTED APPROACH

When asked about his design philosophy, Filicia offers a lighthearted yet profound statement: "Take what you do seriously but don't take yourself seriously." He encourages aspiring designers facing challenges to "dive in" and reconnect with their passion. "It's a win-win situation," he says. "You'll either realize design isn't for you, or you'll fall in love with it all over again."

# FINDING INSPIRATION IN RELAXATION

Filicia's favorite vacation spots are his weekend homes: a lake house in upstate New York and a beach house in the Hamptons. These waterfront havens serve as a source of inspiration, reflecting his desire to create welcoming, livable, and stylish spaces. "The real luxury of vacation to me," he says, "is the ability to wake up early or sleep in late every day I can do anything I want or nothing at all." This focus on comfort and relaxation translates beautifully into his design philosophy.

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### A GLIMPSE INTO THE "BEST OF THOM" COLLECTION

While Filicia expresses his love for all the wallcoverings in his MDC collection, a few stand out for their extra unique qualities:

**Briar Haven:** A statement piece with a large-scale design, perfect for those who crave a bold impact. **Reprise:** A beautiful small-scale pattern that adds a touch of elegance to any space.

**Distance:** This artistic wallcovering evokes a murallike feeling, perfect for adding a touch of flair.

**Subtle Sisal:** A timeless classic with an elevated look, ideal for adding a hint of sophistication.

**Abalone:** This whimsical design, inspired by the inside of an oyster shell, reflects Filicia's personal love for the water.

### **HIGHLIGHTING ABALONE**

The Abalone design especially holds a special place in Filicia's heart. Not only does it resonate with his passion for water, but it also transcends location, finding a home in both his New York City apartment and his Hamptons residence. He describes it as "beautiful, sexy, interesting, dynamic, classic, but fresh and cool at the same time."

# BEYOND DESIGN: A LIFE BY THE WATER

When Filicia isn't designing, you'll likely find him near the water. Whether it's at his weekend homes, traveling for work or pleasure, or simply enjoying a good bar, he thrives in environments that evoke a sense of peace and tranquility.

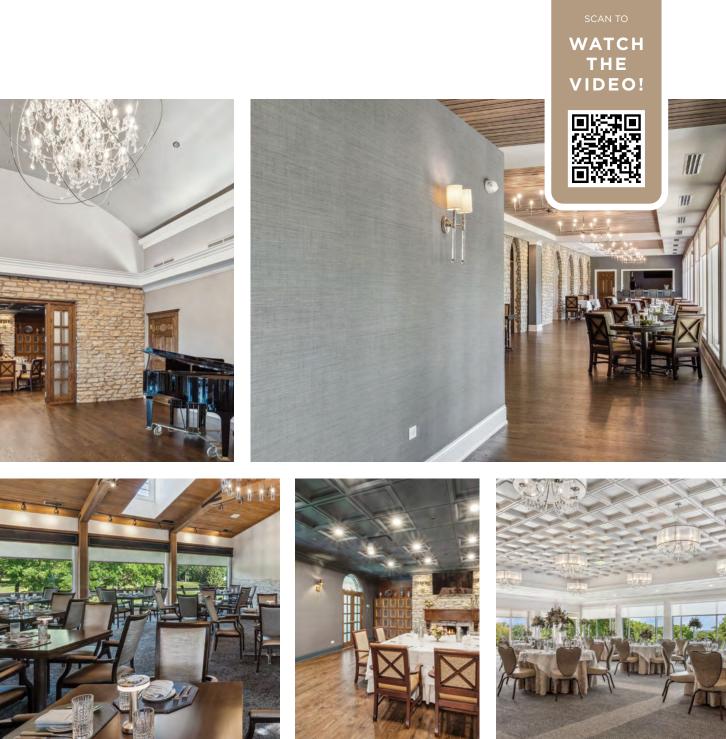
Thom Filicia's journey is an inspiring tale of passion, dedication, and the ability to translate personal experiences into beautiful and functional designs. The "Best of Thom" collection at MDC is a testament to his talent, offering a range of stunning wallcoverings that can elevate any space. So, if you're looking to add a touch of Filicia's signature style to your space, look no further than this special MDC collection.

# **PROJECT PROFILE:** ELGIN COUNTRY CLUB, ELGIN, ILLINOIS

# From Design Vision to Welcoming Retreat

The Elgin Country Club has undergone a remarkable revitalization with the help of a design collaboration with MDC. By strategically incorporating functional elements such as Roll-A-Shade window shades for optimal light control and Duratec wall protection in high-traffic areas, MDC has elevated the club's spaces to new heights of comfort and style. Discover how this comprehensive design approach transformed the club into a member's oasis.





# **Elevating the Experience**

- Fairway Lounge: Luxurious District Silk walls and a striking geometric ceiling, crafted from Zintra Sticks Wide in Spotted Gum, create a sophisticated welcome.
- Grill: Fresh Plaid wallpaper sets the stage for lively gatherings, complemented by the whimsical Cassidy divider.

Elgin Country Club now stands as a testament to the transformative power of exceptional design and premium products. A welcoming retreat, it is poised to create countless cherished memories for its members.

A transformative redesign elevated the club's most frequented areas:

- Wine Room: Geo Metro's modern lines and rich Cassidy accents converge for a captivating ambiance.
- Palm Room: Akiko wallcovering's calming hues and a LiquaPearl ceiling offer a serene escape.
- Oak Room: Big Sur wallcovering in Cala Lily provides a timeless backdrop for cherished memories.

# METELLOS TAKE CENT

Crave a touch of modern luxury? MDC's commercial metallic selections redefine wall design. Eye-catching textures, reflective geometrics our unique assortment elevates any space. Find the perfect finish to match your vision, with the durability needed for high-traffic areas. Upgrade your walls with MDC's captivating metallics today.

Left to Right: Art Metals: Elemental, Textured Foil, Dimensional Panels Flower, Hand Crafted Ginza, Art Gallery Viva La Art in Foiled.



# From Subtle Shimmer to Bold Gleam

# **PROJECT PROFILE:** FORWARD FOCUS, NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS



# A CHICAGOLAND CONCIERGE CLINIC REIMAGINED

Forward Focus Med, a concierge medical clinic in the Chicagoland area, recently opened their new Northfield location. They sought a design that transcended the typical sterile doctor's office environment, aiming for a more luxurious and hospitable feel. However, maintaining functionality and hygiene remained paramount. This presented a unique design challenge, one that MDC was perfectly positioned to address.



# A Collaborative Approach: **Design and Material Selection**

Already familiar with our products, Forward Focus Med opted to source all materials through MDC. They also left the majority of design decisions to our proficient Account Executives, who are efficiently skilled at selecting the right function and aesthetic combinations. Because of this onestop-shop capability, the decision to go with MDC also helped Forward Focus Med to save on overall billable hours.

# Material Selection: Balancing Luxury and Functionality

MDC took a multi-pronged approach to material selection, prioritizing both aesthetics and functionality for the ultimate end result. The key materials selected and implemented were the following:

## **Performance Textile Wallcoverings:**

These wallcoverings offered a luxurious feel while being bleach cleanable, a crucial feature for a healthcare setting.

# Type II Wallcoverings:

These specialized wallcoverings provided an additional layer of hygiene, meeting the necessary healthcare facility standards. Roll-A-Shade:

These window shades offered a touch of elegance while maintaining patient privacy.

Zintra Double-Sided Sticks: This versatile material created both visual and acoustic privacy for patient intake areas.

**A Multifunctional Solution** While Forward Focus Med was excited by our thorough range of product offerings, Zintra Double-Sided Sticks played an especially crucial role in achieving their goals. This innovative collection provided both visual and acoustic privacy for patient intake areas located behind partitions. This ensured a sense of comfort and confidentiality for patients during their initial consultations, a time that can often be vulnerable and sensitive. The use of our **Performance Textile** wallcoverings, too, helped to exemplify an elevated feel often missing in standard medical offices. Their convenient bleach cleanability ensured compliance with the strict hygiene regulations. The inclusion of both of these products gave the final layout an extra element of style and uniqueness. **Conclusion: A Success Story** The Forward Focus Med project reflects MDC's ability to provide comprehensive interior design solutions. By leveraging a collaborative approach and a diverse





range of high-quality materials, MDC helped Forward Focus Med achieve its vision of a luxurious and welcoming healthcare environment without compromising functionality and hygiene standards. This project sets a precedent for future collaborations, demonstrating how we can serve as a one-stopshop for all interior design needs, from material selection to design consultation and beyond.

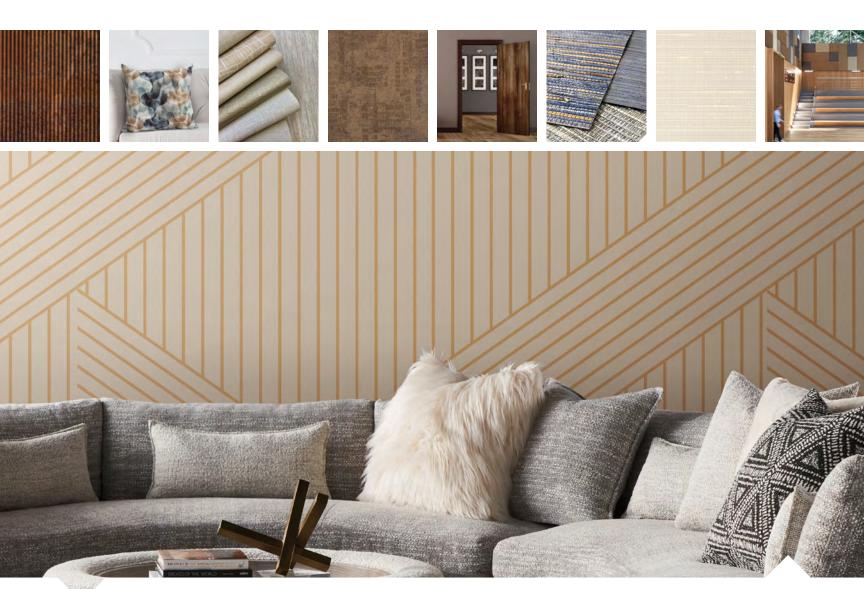






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#### INTERIOR SOLUTIONS



Thom Filicia: Proximity in Gesso.

# LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN.

MDC is your trusted source for a variety of interior needs. Backed by a team of experts ranked #1 in customer service, MDC offers high-style designs paired with proven functionality. We pride ourselves on enriching contract spaces, hotels and restaurants with premium wallcoverings, wall panels, paints, mirrors, acoustic solutions and so much more.

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