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Contrast organizes the rooms of the Lake Forest Showhouse. Raised paneling painted a deep charcoal recedes so that pale marble, clear glass and a few saturated colors can carry the composition. The photographs show a dining room and a sitting room furnished as one sequence, with the same geometric carpet underfoot and the same restrained palette of gray, ivory, ocher and violet.

In the dining room, a white marble mantel with fluted colonnettes and a carved laurel medallion frames an inner surround of gilded cast glass. Above it, a deeply beveled overmantel of ivory vellum panels draws the eye up to a recessed mirror that doubles a chandelier of clear Murano crystal. High-backed Jacques Adnet chairs in ocher surround a dark lacquered table set with crystal and deep violet flowers.

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The sitting room is lined with antiqued mirror between the panels, so that the space opens in reflection. Silvered Mattaliano sconces shaped like branches flank the mirror wall, and a sofa in a violet floral print sits beside a slender glass table and a pair of tall upholstered chairs. French windows dressed in swagged gray curtains bring daylight across the dark walls, and a glass and metal stand in the corner serves as a bar.





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