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Built to announce a luxury specialty retailer under new ownership, this 20,000 square foot store in Chicago makes the change visible in its architecture. It was the studio's first Stanley Korshak store: Darcy Bonner designed it in 1984, heavily influenced by the Italian architect Carlo Scarpa.

The plan is strictly axial. White wall planes step back in tiers on either side of the main aisle, and floors of white marble banded in black carry the eye through the store to an inlaid star where the axes cross. Piers of dark veined stone frame the long views, and a slender column of light marks the main axis.

PROJECT TYPE

Luxury specialty department store

LOCATION

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TEAM

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ASSOCIATED ARCHITECT

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Record Interiors 1984, Architectural Record







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