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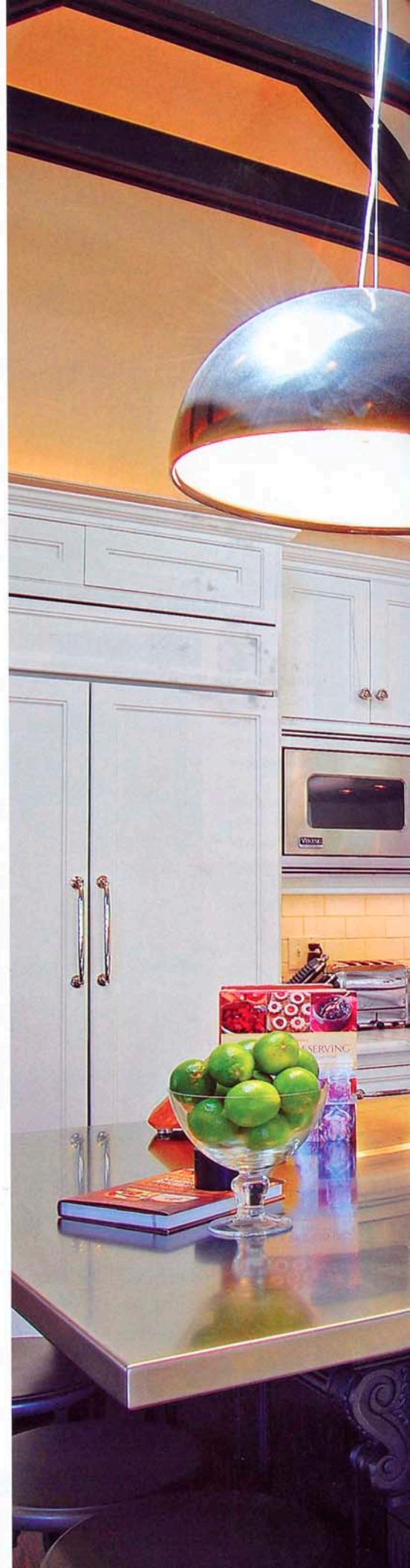
Traditional meets MODERN

Fitted white cabinets and classic materials are the centerpiece of an open-plan kitchen. **BY PATRICIA POORE**

THIS NEW KITCHEN occupies a rebuilt addition on a 1911 Four-square in Chicago. With graphic mid-century furniture in the adjoining family room, owners Chris Young and David Lutman had a vision for a clean, white space: “We wanted a functional kitchen that fit the character of the house—modern yet classic, and with a touch of the unexpected.”

“The clients have a strong design sense, developed during their time in Europe,” says designer Rick Proppe. They asked for a lot of storage, but no clutter visible from the family room; the solution is a large walk-in pantry. A bead detail on cabinets lends a contemporary look to their flat-panel fronts. Topmost display cabinets are fitted with glass and lit from recessed (low-voltage) puck lights inside, creating a kind of frieze that warms the room. An unexpected bonus is that the ‘Calcutta Gold’ marble countertops, with their swirling grays and soft browns, complement the stained oak flooring. “The kitchen is white, but it feels warm,” says David. The stainless steel stove and countertop create a pleasing sight line from the family room.

“Our favorite treatment is the vaulted ceiling with skylights,” say the owners, which came about as Proppe laid out a second-story master suite. It opens up a space that is otherwise intimate. Structural collar ties are painted black to echo the island finish. ✦





the SOURCES

- **DESIGN** Greene & Proppe Design, Chicago: gpdchicago.com
- **CABINETS** custom by Superior Wood Products: swpcabinetry.com
- **HARDWARE** Katonah Architectural Hardware: katonahhardware.com
- **TILE** 'Modulas' in Cotton White by Trikeenan Tileworks: trikeenan.com
- **ISLAND COUNTERTOP** 'Sueded' stainless steel by Soupcan (Chicago): soupcan.com
- **STOVE & HOOD** Viking Range: vikingrange.com
- **LIGHT FIXTURE** 'Sky Garden' by Lightology: lightology.com



FAR LEFT: Illuminated display cabinets create a warm frieze under the soaring ceiling. **LEFT:** Visible from the family room, the kitchen is monochromatic and neatly fitted. **CENTER & ABOVE:** Fine fittings include the white tile, marble countertops, spray faucet, and cabinet hardware.