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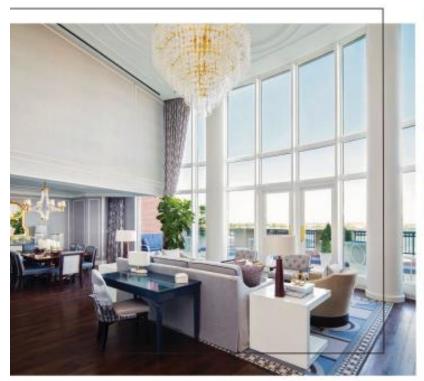
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Architecture & Real Estate

From a butler who does it all to builders who move with you (really!) and a lighting designer who will even make your trees look good, these experts make you feel like you're home anywhere.

BEST LUXE REALTOR

Michael L. Carucci (277

Dartmouth St., carucalgroup.com) This is the broker that Bostonians and out-of-towners (including Celine Dion) turn to for resplendent real estate, from sky-high penthouses in the city to castlelike abodes in the 'burbs.

BEST ALL-IN-ONE RESIDENCE

EchelonSeaport (133 Seaport Blvd, echelanseapart.com) You never need to leave this building, which sits above a central courtyard and 125,000 square feet of retail space and restaurants, offers five-star services, and boasts three pools, two sky lounges and more.

BEST REMODELERS FBN Construction (17

Wolcott Court, Hyde Park, fbnconstruction.com) This widereaching firm goes beyond expert construction-it understands design. Expect impeccable transformations that make sense.

BEST GREEN BUILDERS

JW Construction (12

Garfield Circle, Burlington, jwconstructioninc.com) Environmental factors are top of mind now more than ever Jon Wardwell's squads know how to build sustainably, utilizing up-to-date methods of recycling, reusing and conserving energy.

BEST ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN WITH LIFESTYLE CONCIERGE Morehouse

MacDonald (3 Bow St., Lexington, marehousemacdanald.com) This

company specializes in custom coastal and island home awardwinning design-down to the very last detail. They'll curate art, stock a wine cellar and shop for the best ski equipment and swimwear.

BEST POOL IN TOWN

One Dalton (/ Dalton

St., onedalton.com) This sinuous 65foot infinity pool is nestled against floor-to-ceiling expanses of glass with city views. The Harley Pasternak-designed fitness center is just steps away, along with a spa-

BEST VACATION HOME BUILDER

Woodmeister Master

Builders (1317 Washington St., woodmeister.com) Billing themselves as builders who

travel with their clients this firm has sent highly skilled teams to craft Rocky Mountain retreats. Manhattan penthouses and farmhouses in wine country.

BEST BUYER'S BROKER

MGS Group (187 Mt. Aubum St. Cambridge, mgsgrouprealestate.com) Attorney-turned-broker Maggie Gold Seelig specializes in representing the buyer. With a quick wit, innate sense of style and razor-sharp negotiating skills, she sources and strategizes, playing matchmaker with savvy.

BEST LIGHTING DESIGN

Light Positive (5 Rock Cliff Road,

Marblehead, lightpositive.com) Nancy Goldstein can make anything look better. From refocusing lighting to enhance artwork to installing 300 outdoor fixtures to illuminate an array of bonsai trees to MacGyvering a solution to make the blue flecks in a customer's polished granite countertop sparkle, she is Boston's magical light whisperer.

BEST RUGS AND

CARPETS

Landry & Arcari (333 Stuart St., (andryandarcari.com) This 80-year-old family-run business understands both service and beauty. The showrooms display thousands of rugs, from antique Orientals to vintage kilims to contemporary carpets, and the salespeople are knowledgeable about the history and makers. They handwoven designs, and handle cleaning and repairs.

