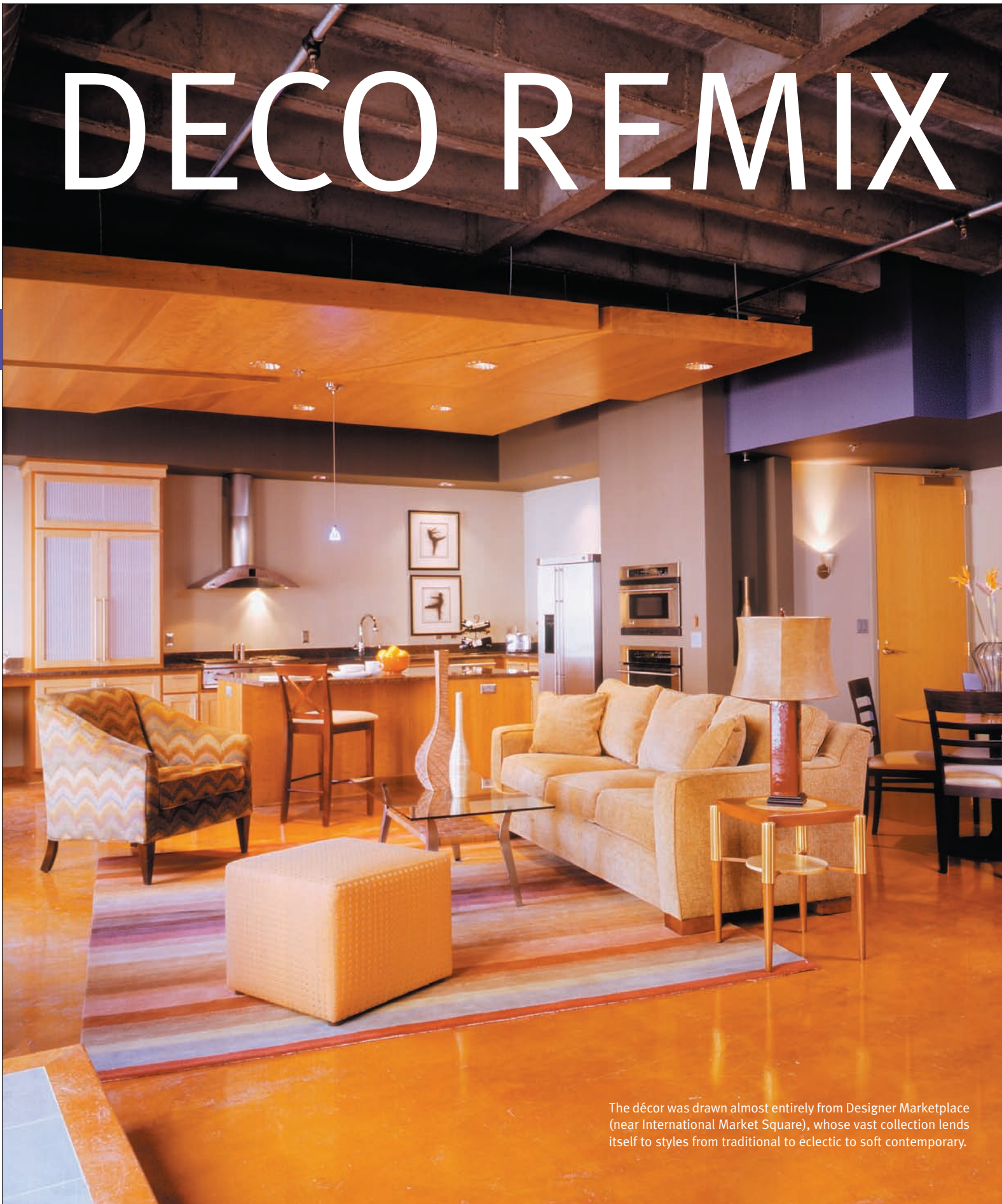
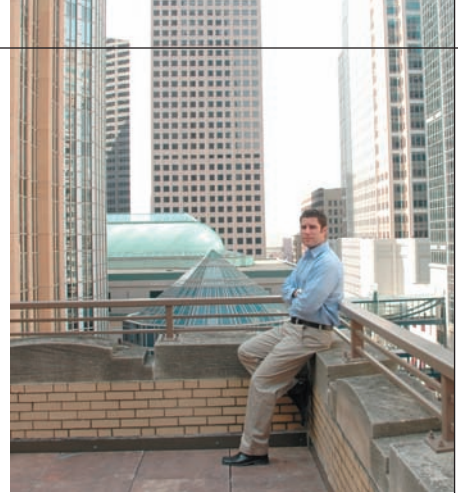


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We were excited to get a peek inside 6 Quebec, formerly the Firststar Building

(that wonderful 1940's stone Deco structure on the corner of 6th and Marquette).

The live/work redevelopment is intriguing in so many ways. For one, there's its strikingly central location in the heart of the Minneapolis financial district—you won't find anything residential within six blocks.

But more than that, it's the unabashedly metropolitan and individualistic spirit behind the project that's creating a buzz, where floor plans and design finishes will suit owners' lifestyles and sensibilities—not the developer's.

The project is now open, with many units sold and the process of designing condos well underway.

"Buyers are under no restrictions; we're not giving them set choices for design and décor," says Paul Abdo of Anxon, the company behind the project. "Some owners are creating true loft dwellings with exposed concrete and open spaces. Others are going traditional with carpet, hardwood floors. They come in with their vision and we help them achieve that."

Even individual floors have their own personalities, with different lighting and décor. "We wanted the place to feel

like a neighborhood," Abdo explains. Anxon hooked up with architectural firm Hay-Dobbs for the project.

The model pictured on these pages is an example of one of the possibilities. The décor was drawn almost entirely from Designer Marketplace (near International Market Square), whose vast collection lends itself to styles from traditional to eclectic to soft contemporary. We loved the original prints and the handmade rugs the designers chose; one a modern Oushak from Pakistan (vegetable-dyed Angora wool), the other a handmade Tibetan in Himalayan wool. Those fabulous scoop armchairs are by Westwood Interiors.

The 21 units here range from 674 to 2,032 square feet and \$250,000 and \$900,000, a mix of residential condos, live-work spaces and luxury penthouses.

The units are intimately connected to the downtown by the skyway—great for somebody who loves to be out shopping, dining and seeing shows without the hassle of parking (or the hassle of winter coats and mittens).

Residents will also enjoy plenty of luxury with full concierge service through the Crowne Plaza Hotel (room service, laundry and housekeeping), heated parking, state-of-the-art wiring, private rooftop decks and balconies, Lifetime Health Club membership (across the street), convenient proximity to the downtown farmer's market and more.

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