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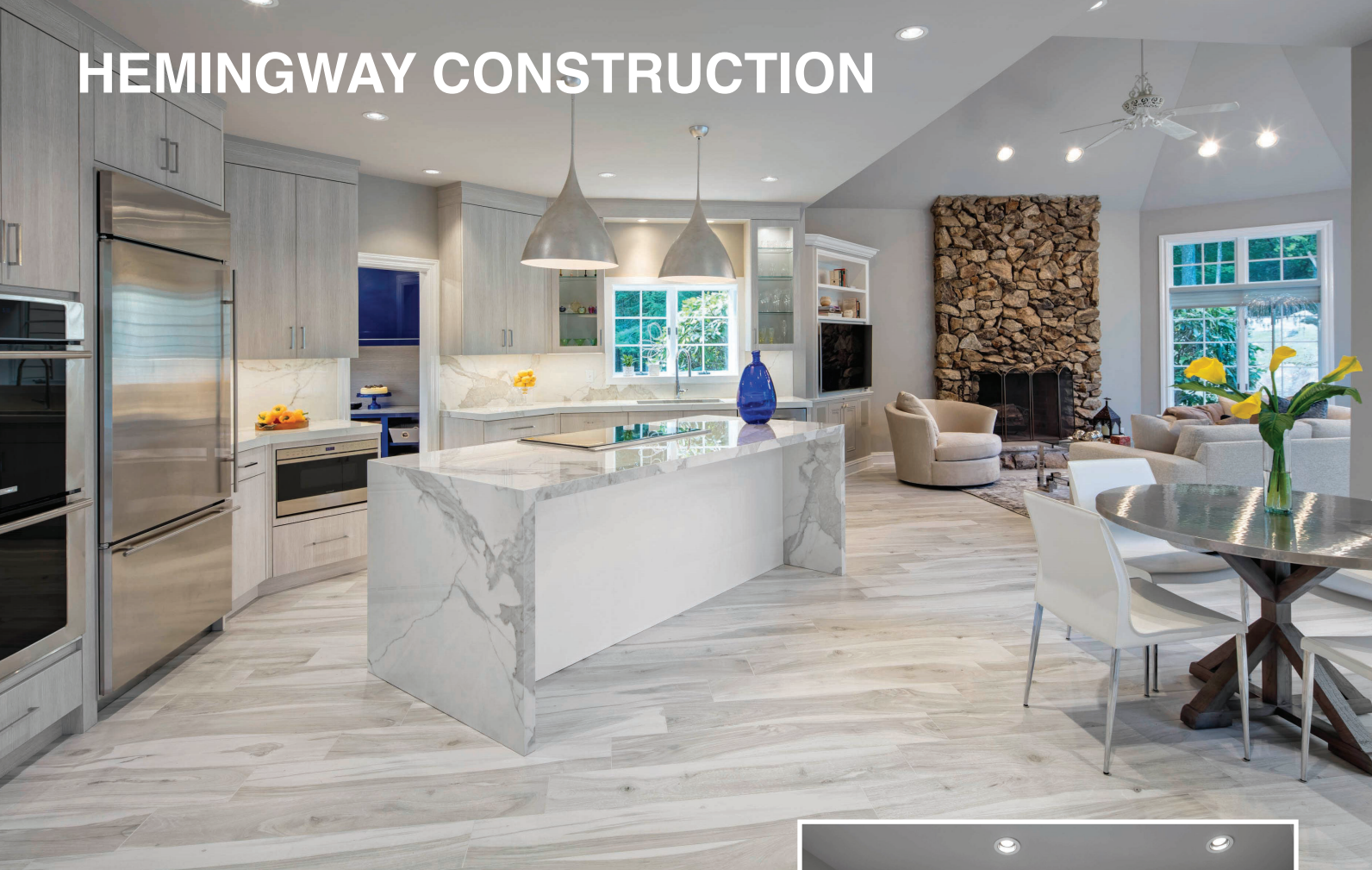
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Word of mouth and impeccable execution drive clients and their repeat business to Peter Sciarretta, principal and CEO of Hemingway Construction in Greenwich, CT. Indeed, the third-generation general contracting firm is known for its cutting-edge design, construction and organizational practices, coupled with firsthand expertise of old-world craftsmanship. Doug Horn, vice president of operations and project manager on-site, strives to deliver the best results for every completed design.

This kitchen in a pastoral setting matches the sophistication and organization of its occupants through a progressive use of space and materials. “Because this is a backcountry home in Weston, Connecticut, you need to be respectful of the architecture, the surrounding community and the landscape,” Peter explains. “The home sits next to a reservoir, and the family room overlooks the water through 20-foot-high glazing. You don’t want to carry the modern aesthetic so far that you’re back to the Manhattan penthouse while you’re standing in Connecticut. I wanted the kitchen to be current and trendy, to create a relationship with the way we live today. But you must be relevant to where you are and why you’re there.” To bring the countryside in, Peter placed some stones from the reservoir into a new fireplace surround, while building a sleek and modern kitchen to serve the needs of his clients. The traditional exterior of the home allows the house to blend in seamlessly with the rolling hills and forests of the local terrain.

The kitchen specifications are loaded with bold, modern and sleek materials to match the energy and lifestyle of the residents. The custom cabinetry is 5/4, which means it’s extra thick. “If you put your hand on it, it’s got a beautiful texture,” says Peter. “It’s hand-painted with vertical lines of gray and white to enhance the clean aesthetic.” The hardware is very modern and includes substantial chrome pulls. The butler’s pantry sports high-gloss metallic paint. The compartments within the pantry provide the ability to categorize dry goods to the utmost degree. “You can see fruits, vegetables, coffee, snacks, medicine—it’s





organized down to the T,” Peter explains. “It’s got a very current, modern look with a mixture of finishes: brass, chrome, some blues and grays. I’m not afraid to combine finishes and textures.”

“We used quartzite because the homeowner is very big on maintenance-free materials,” he continues. “The countertops are exceptional: they are full slabs, three-inch-thick perimeter countertops. Normally, you’ll see inch-and-a-quarter or two-inch thicknesses.” The look creates a consistent, seamless theme throughout the kitchen, which also features full slab backsplashes and a waterfall island in the center of the room. Extreme durability is the motivation behind choosing quartzite for the working surfaces of the kitchen. Homeowners can do their worst and still be assured that their countertops will stand the test of time.

Peter next gushes about the quality of the flooring. “The porcelain planks are incredibly special,” he says. “The wood-look boards are five to eight inches wide, with lengths of 10 or 15 feet. They are indestructible and maintenance-free. It creates a gorgeous, very modern feel.” Hemingway Construction brought together all these aspects and finished the work within budget. Doug, the project manager, was able to halve the estimated construction time from 90 to 45 days by optimizing the project ordering process. Construction commenced only after every fixture and finish were on-site and ready for installation.

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