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Sometimes, the experiences that best support your future dreams aren't the ones you would have expected. Take it from Sarah Montgomery. Today, she's the owner of her namesake interior design firm, but her past is rich with varied creative endeavors. "Interestingly, I think the most valuable skills I possess are those I gained from teaching beginner sewing to adults," she shares. "I learned how to get people excited and help them become comfortable with trying a new thing." Now, that talent aids her as she strives to inspire and influence her clients throughout the design process. Asked what she's reaching for next, she responds enthusiastically. "I'd like to grow my team and take on bigger projects, becoming a better leader along the way. I want to continue finding the right people to work for and with, so I can do what I do best."



SARAH MONTGOMERY, OWNER

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TOP TAKEAWAY

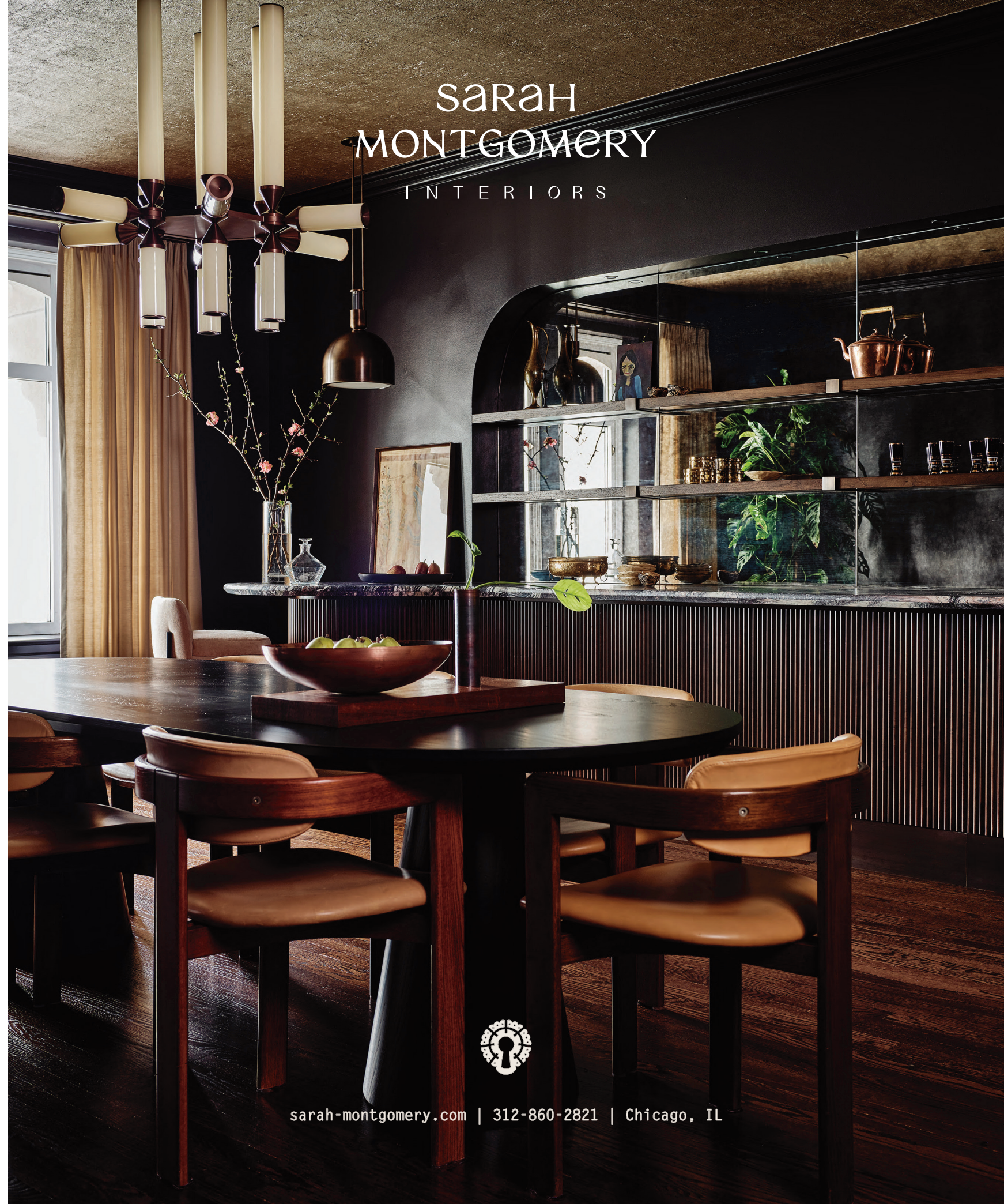
Montgomery has a key piece of advice for anyone starting out in the industry alongside her: "**Be aware of your zone of genius and unafraid to ask for help!**" Having started my business in my 30s, I already understood where my talent and value lies, so I didn't try to do everything all at once. By outsourcing things like bookkeeping, I was able to devote myself entirely to this creative pursuit I love—and that organically grew my business."

CREATIVITY ABOUNDS

"Most of my friends are creatives, so most of my free social time is spent going to design events and art openings," Montgomery says. "I love how **Chicago feels like a 'small big city'** and how generous and open people are."

Top Inspired by Brazilian midcentury design, this living room features a paneled wall and porcelain fireplace surround.

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