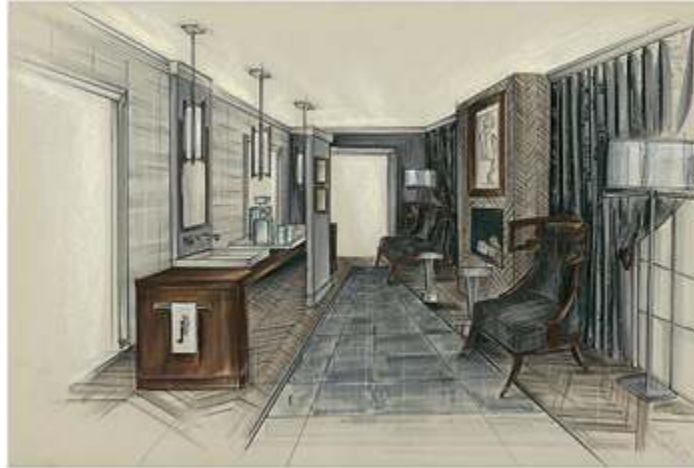


## DreamHome at the Merchandise Mart The Gentleman's Lounge



Why can't men have a bit of glamour, a tad of decadence, an exclusive place of luxury to call their own? Playing off the traditional idea of the country club men's lounge where men would gather to play cards, smoke cigars and grab a quick scotch, jamesthomas was inspired to recreate that idea in a 21st century venue. For DreamHome 2007, jamesthomas was moved to design a powder room with multiple purposes; kick back, relax and have a cocktail.

Using rich tones of slate gray and café au lait, the overall feel is one of understated masculine elegance. Herringbone tile floors with an inlay of dark stone create the illusion of an area rug. An espresso stained console bisects the space to delineate the more utilitarian side of the room from the lounge side. Back to back glass vessel sinks allow the users to interact in a playful, unexpected manner. The water closets, which are tucked behind a wall of tile, are subtly announced through the use of strategically placed sculpture. The seating group is nestled around a tile clad fireplace which adds a bit of cozy warmth to the space. Over scaled floor lamps provide a bit of drama and elegant drapery fabric adds to the enveloping feel of sumptuousness. Finally a space that men can call their own – one that caters to their needs and yet respects the desire we all crave for simple luxuries.

