

An L.A. Mart Milestone



The **L.A. Mart** and **L.A. Mart Design Center** is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary in a big way. The postwar industrial building in downtown Los Angeles, which houses over 200 design and gift showrooms, has just unveiled a sophisticated new look for its lobby. In revamping the space, Los Angeles designer **Christopher Gaona** didn't have to look far for inspiration. He selected furnishings from the building's Design Center showrooms, including **Haptor/Barrett**, **Filbert & Fig**, **Lee Jofa** and **Palecek**, to carve out a distinctive central colonnade and two separate lounge areas. Working with classic pieces and organic materials, Gaona created a stylish environment that gives visitors a taste of what they'll find inside.

Along with the inviting new lobby, the L.A. Mart is marking its anniversary year with an upcoming on-site buyer service for easier consumer access and a new interactive website at www.lamartdesign.com.

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