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Design Center at theMART celebrates

AT YEAR-END, THE DESIGN CENTER AT THE MERCHANDISE Mart (theMART) is celebrating a year of expansion.

The Chicago-based luxury design destination welcomed six additional tenants in 2017, including Artisan Electronics Group, Dedon, Eddie Bauer Home Outdoor, Elizabeth+Grace, Moore & Giles and Style Library.

Opening in early 2018 will be rug, lighting and home décor manufacturer Surya, and Forward Space Studio, manufacturer of residential and work environments.

In addition, 13 companies renewed their commitments: Baker, Bradley USA, CAI Designs, David Sutherland, Ebanista, Gloster, Hickory Chair, Holland & Sherry, John Rosselli & Associates, Michael-Cleary, Noure's Oriental Rugs, Samuel & Sons and Stark.

Together, the new leaseholders and renewals encompass more than 100,000 square feet of investment.

“We are committed to upholding the Design Center’s rich tradition as a world-class resource for luxury design through an unwavering commitment to industry relationships and steadfast support of our showrooms,” said Toni McIntosh, vice president, leasing. “The growth we have experienced this year serves to bolster the Design Center’s status as the place where design ideas are discovered.”

Overseeing the Design Center is Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. (MMPI), a division of Vornado Realty Trust and the owner and operator of The Merchandise Mart. ■