

DWR And Boutique Announce First-Time Experiential Rental Home In Palm Desert



Historic Miles C. Bates "Wave House" is Thoughtfully Refashioned in Collaboration with Paul Smith

(Palm Desert, CA) - April 21, 2025 - [Design Within Reach](#) (DWR) has partnered with [Boutique](#), the leading provider of vacation rentals for design lovers, to debut the DWR x Boutique Rental Home. In celebration of DWR Presents: The Paul Smith Collection, the historic Miles C. Bates "Wave House" in Palm Desert has been outfitted with the new assortment.

Originally built in 1955, the "Wave House" is known for its curving roof that mimics the nearby San Jacinto mountains. The mid-century Walter S. White-designed home was opened to the public in February 2020 for the first time since its meticulous restoration by Stayner Architects, the current stewards of the property. The home was built as a getaway and sculptor's studio for Miles C. Bates, who turned it into an artistic and social hub for the Coachella Valley. The "Wave House" is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is designated as a City of Palm Desert Historical Landmark.

Following the recent opening of a new Palm Springs store during Modernism Week, this property furthers DWR's celebration of the rich modern design history of the Coachella Valley. "DWR is continuing to evolve, and this rental home is a great example of how we are expanding both our product portfolio and the ways in which our collections are experienced," notes Debbie Propst, President of Global Retail, MillerKnoll. "Our guiding principle for our spaces, whether it is a retail store or a notable property that we are outfitting, is to use modern design to educate and inspire visitors in an approachable, immersive way."

"DWR and Boutique both celebrate creativity and creatives, and the 'Wave House' is a perfect example of that," says Marc Blazer, CEO and Co-Founder of Boutique. "Our partnership felt like a perfect fit for so many reasons. We share the same audience—people who love great design and believe it makes life, home and travel better. In fact, DWR's name is our mission—putting great design within reach for people who love it. We look forward to our guests experiencing DWR x Boutique and being inspired by what can be accomplished when creative minds get together. That's really what Boutique is all about, and we are delighted to share this adventure with such an exceptional partner."

From sleek outdoor pieces which perfectly complement the rental's desert landscaping to the "Stepped Plaid" color palettes which wrap the bedroom in texture and warmth, each element of the property was thoughtfully curated with design-forward discernment.

DWR Presents: The Paul Smith Collection is an exclusive new line that celebrates the British designer's long-standing collaboration with Maharam, bringing their signature textiles to a curated collection of indoor and outdoor furniture from DWR. The selection features special-edition classics from Herman Miller® and Knoll®—including the Eames Molded Plastic Side Chair and Eero Saarinen's Womb Chair in eye-catching Maharam textiles by Paul Smith such as the graphic Dots design—as well as DWR Collection bestsellers, for a fresh take on modern.

"The Paul Smith Collection is incredibly versatile and can work across a multitude of geographies and architectural styles," says Omar Nabil, Senior Vice President Creative Director, DWR. "However, we chose to launch the experiential aspect of the collection in the 'Wave House' because of the homes' original and bold design that parallels the collection. The property stands out amongst the many iconic mid-century homes in the community due to the eccentric gesture of the roof design which is set amongst the dramatic landscape of the low desert. This allows guests to be fully immersed in this unique experience."

With a signature flair for idiosyncratic yet refined combinations of pattern and color, the Maharam textiles by Paul Smith that adorn this exclusive set of furniture are reinterpreted classic motifs like stripes, plaids, and polka dots which play with bold color, scale, and proportion. Like the designer himself, these textiles evoke joy, whimsy, and humor – all with a sharp sense of sophistication. Each piece of furniture was carefully chosen for its balance of modernity and tradition – much like Sir Paul Smith's approach to design. The upshot is a curated collection that honors form and function through bold applications of pattern, color, and scale.

Starting Monday, April 21, visitors can book a stay at the DWR x Boutique Rental Home by visiting boutique-homes.com. All products are shoppable at dwr.com.

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About Design Within Reach

Design Within Reach is your destination for modern living. Founded in 1998 with a mission to provide access to the best in authentic design, the company curates classics from design-icons and cultivates next-generation talent to deliver an evolving breadth of talent that can only be found at DWR. With a solution-oriented approach, the company offers the expertise and services needed to support the way people live today. Headquartered in Stamford, Conn., DWR sells its furniture and accessories to residential, Trade, and commercial customers through retail Studios in North America, via the web at dwr.com, and by phone at 1.800.944.2233. Design Within Reach, Inc., is part of the MillerKnoll collective.

About Boutique

Founded in California in 2010, Boutique is the vacation rental platform for homeowners and guests who believe that good design makes travel better. We offer a thoughtful edit of over 1500 homes across six continents with high-quality design, singular character and authentic warmth. Whether it's an iconic mid-century in Sea Ranch or a centuries-old villa in Tuscany, each property is inspiring, noteworthy, and memorable. Visit us at boutique-homes.com.

About Paul Smith

Paul Smith is Britain's leading independent design company and a true fashion institution. Beginning in 1970 with a single three-by-three metre shop in Paul's hometown of Nottingham, it has grown into a global enterprise, with more than 130 shops across 60 countries. All throughout this, the guiding principle has been Paul's design philosophy of 'classic with a twist,' with every piece reflecting his irrepressible spirit. www.paulsmith.com

About MillerKnoll

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