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With great curb appeal, smart layouts and expert attention to the way we live now, Middlefork homes check all the boxes.

by Thomas Connors

While the new residential towers springing up all over town offer homebuyers a dizzying array of options, for some, only a single-family home will do. And when it comes to meeting the demands of the discerning high-end homebuyer, Middlefork Development LLC (middleforkcapital.com) has built itself a solid spot in the marketplace. Founded in 2008 by Andrew Bowyer, the firm specializes in traditionally inspired, contemporarily programmed homes that combine unmistakable style with top-notch functionality. Here's a sampling from the company's current portfolio. From \$4.5 million, all listed through Elizabeth Ballis, Coldwell Banker, 312.867.8166, ballisgroup.com



1922 N. Dayton St.

At almost 7,000 square feet, this classic Chicago-style home features six en suite bedrooms, heated flooring in the master bath and an elliptical staircase running four stories high. The finished basement sports a 9-foot ceiling uninterrupted by coffers or ductwork, and the roof deck offers an impressive view of the city, from nearby St. Michael's Church to Willis Tower. The family-friendly property includes a commodious playroom, exercise room and den. And like all Middlefork homes, it is equipped with an elevator.



1734 N. Mohawk Ave.

Bowyer works directly with established residential architects to create the Middlefork product, and for this residence, he asked Gary Beyerl of Burns + Beyerl Architects to evoke the turn-of-the-century charm one sees in the great old houses of the Gold Coast. At over 6,800 square feet, the home features seven bedrooms, a highly desirable 2½-car connected garage and such handsome details as five fireplaces and leaded windows in the limestone facade.



1848 N. Howe St.

Context is key to the Middlefork approach, so when it came to building in an area dotted with spectacular homes, architect Timothy LeVaughn of LeVaughn+Associates fashioned a French-inspired facade with a grand staircase leading to a loggia. While its profile echoes old Paris, this six-bedroom, 5 full and 2 half-bath home is utterly up to date, with an open-plan living and dining area perfect for entertaining and a kitchen kitted out with top-drawer appliances from Wolf, Sub-Zero and Bosch.