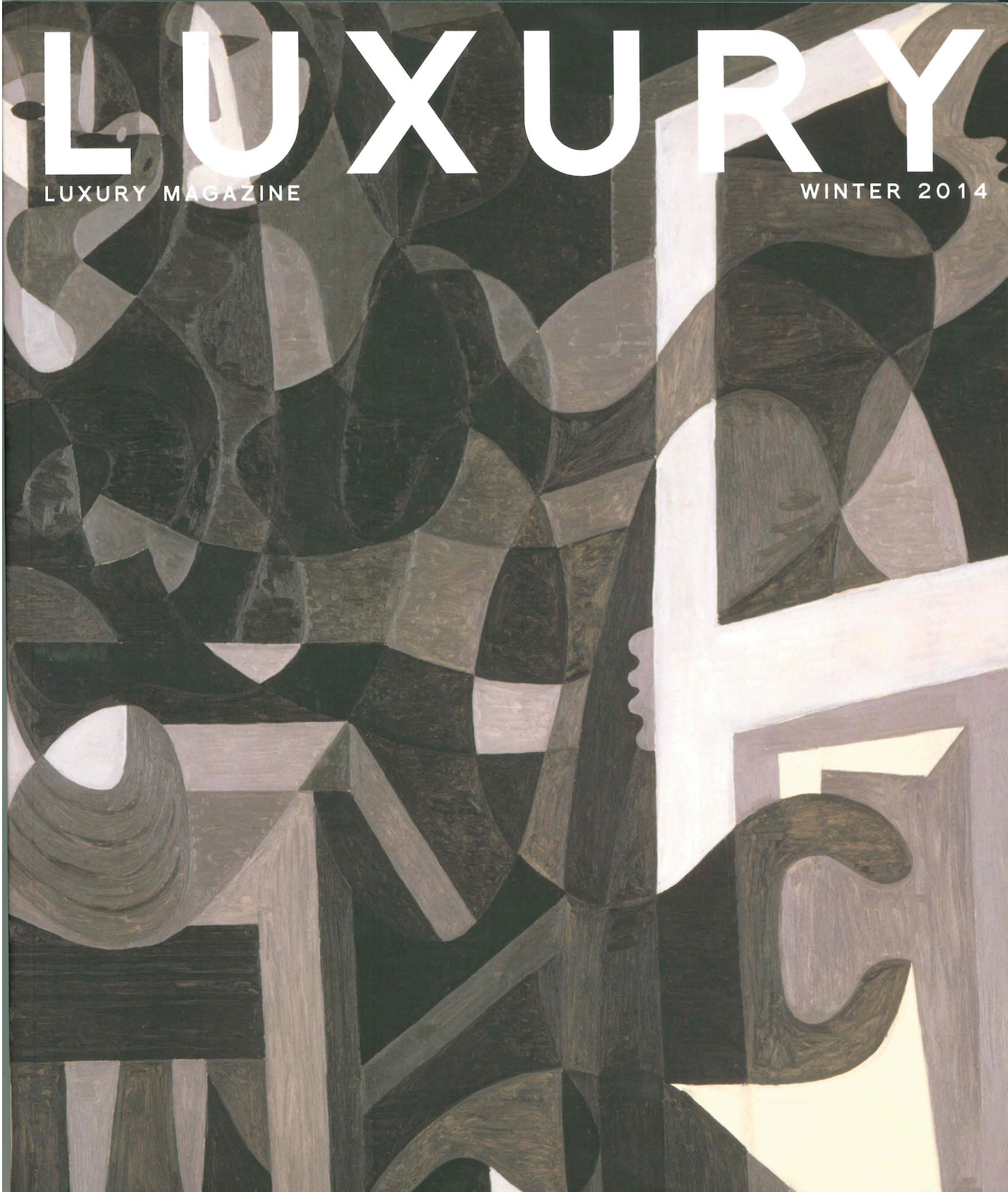


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6. BIG SKY, MONTANA

Elevation: 7,510 feet Square feet: 5,000 Completed: 2013 Interiors: Lisa Kanning Interior Design, lkid.com Architecture: Locati Architects, locatiarchitects.com Construction: Highline Partners, highline-partners.com

"People are looking for something edgier," says Todd Thesing of the trend toward more modern mountain homes. He should know: Of the many homes he and co-principal Rob McRae of Highline Partners build in Montana, 75 percent skew more contemporary, calling for additional steel-and-glass and cleaner applications of traditional materials. Here, the architects at Locati built a fairly traditional structure, but opened it up more with large expanses of glass. Inside, says interior designer Lisa Kanning, *"it was all about layering in textures, which lets you get away with cleaner lines without compromising the warmth you want in a modern home. You don't have to throw in a lot of bold pattern and color."* So muted neutrals dominate the palette of furnishings with neatly tailored modern silhouettes. Kanning also used gray on furniture as well as on Venetian plaster walls to accompany gray-washed floors, which, she says, "across the board helps modernize." ▸

