

## HITTHIG THE NARK

For Michael Bruno, founder of Istdibs, a house in New York's famed Tuxedo Park is not only the fulfillment of a childhood dream, it's become a retreat more elegant than he could have imagined

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THE MOVIE VERSION of Michael Bruno's life would open with him as a kid swimming back and forth in a pool—lap upon lap, fast enough to be an Olympic-level athlete. And as he swims, this quick-silver boy is envisioning the house he hopes to own one day: It's brick, and grand, with a steep, gabled roof.

Flash forward a few decades. Bruno and his partner, Alexander Jakowec, are living in a house in Tuxedo Park, New York, that he says is "pretty much identical to the picture I used to have in my mind."

The outside of it, anyway. The inside is something Bruno admits he never could have dreamed up on his own. Designed by Windsor Smith, it incorporates parts of the vast collection of objects and furnishings Bruno acquired during his 12 years as president and CEO of 1stdibs, the leading online marketplace for antique and vintage furnishings. "Windsor has a way of seeing the world that's very different than I would," he says. "She's great at taking a collection of things and adding this layer of richness and coherence." Together, ▷

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