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Orren Pickell Designers & Builders share rooms that make today's dreams

Orren Pickell Designers & Builders is known for building and remodeling some of the most impressive homes in the Chicago area. For Pickell's clientele, no detail is too small and no amenity is too grand.

"After 34 years of building custom homes we know that no two homeowners are the same," said Orren Pickell, founder and CEO of his namesake firm. "But every homeowner is looking for flexibility in their living spaces so they forever satisfy the family's ever-changing needs."

In today's new homes Pickell has seen a leap in the installation of elaborate home gyms. In lieu of a membership to the local workout facility, Pickell homeowners are enjoying amenities that include golf simulators, basketball and squash courts, dance

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studios and much more. Saunas, massage room and steam rooms are also being added to complete the at-home, country club experience. These spaces allow the kids to bring their hobbies home with them.

Many of these high-end gyms are located in the finished lower level, which is also a must-have among today's homeowners. This space can be transformed into a game room that accommodates both kids and grown ups.

It is also ideal for a pool table or media center. Some of the basements in Pickell's new homes even include a stage where children can put on their own performances.

One signature Pickell space that is implemented in many of the firm's new homes is The Club Room. This entertaining enclave is complete with all the toys and technology that were once hidden in the basement but are now located on the main levels of the home.

"The options run the gamut for what people want to turn this room into," Pickell said.

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