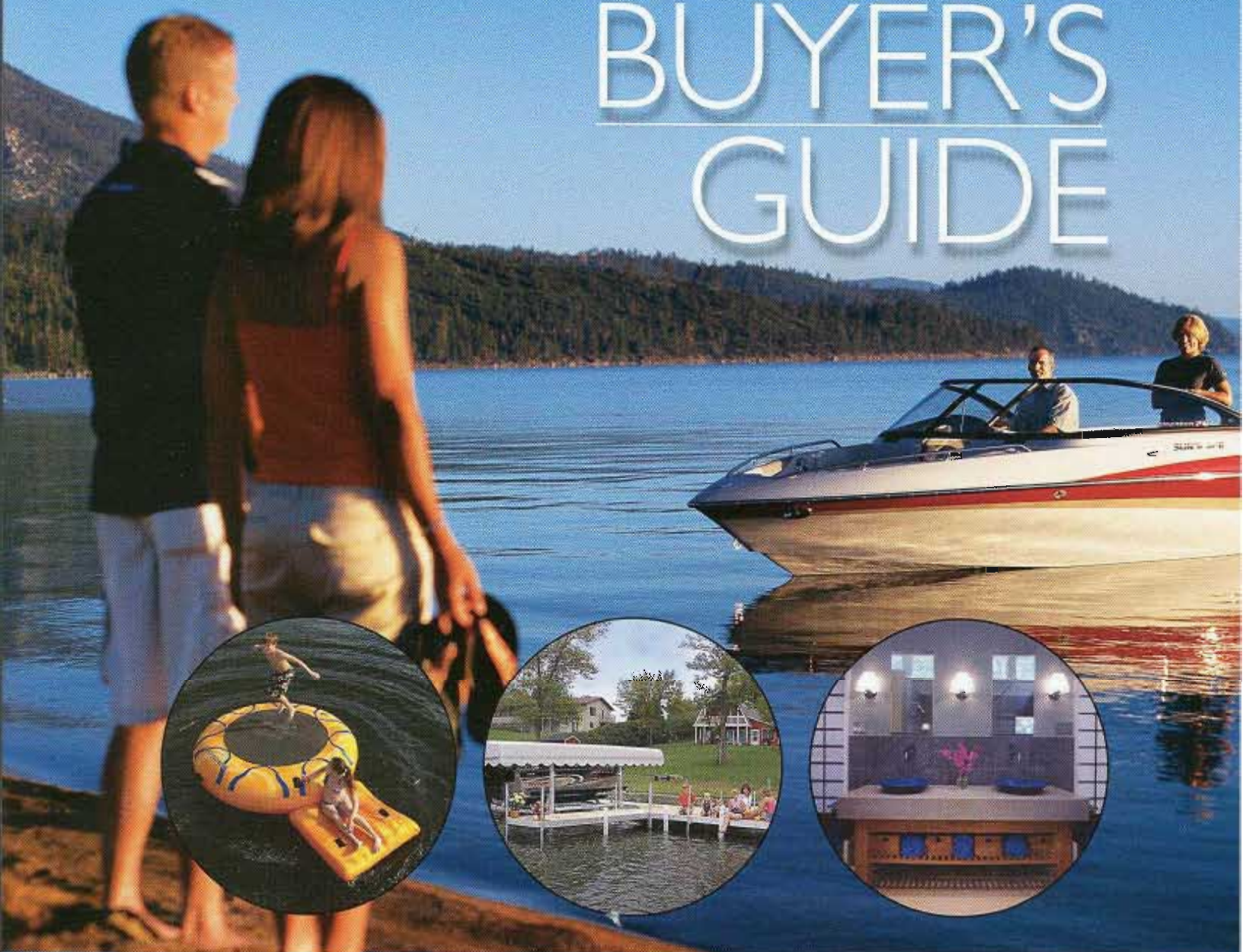


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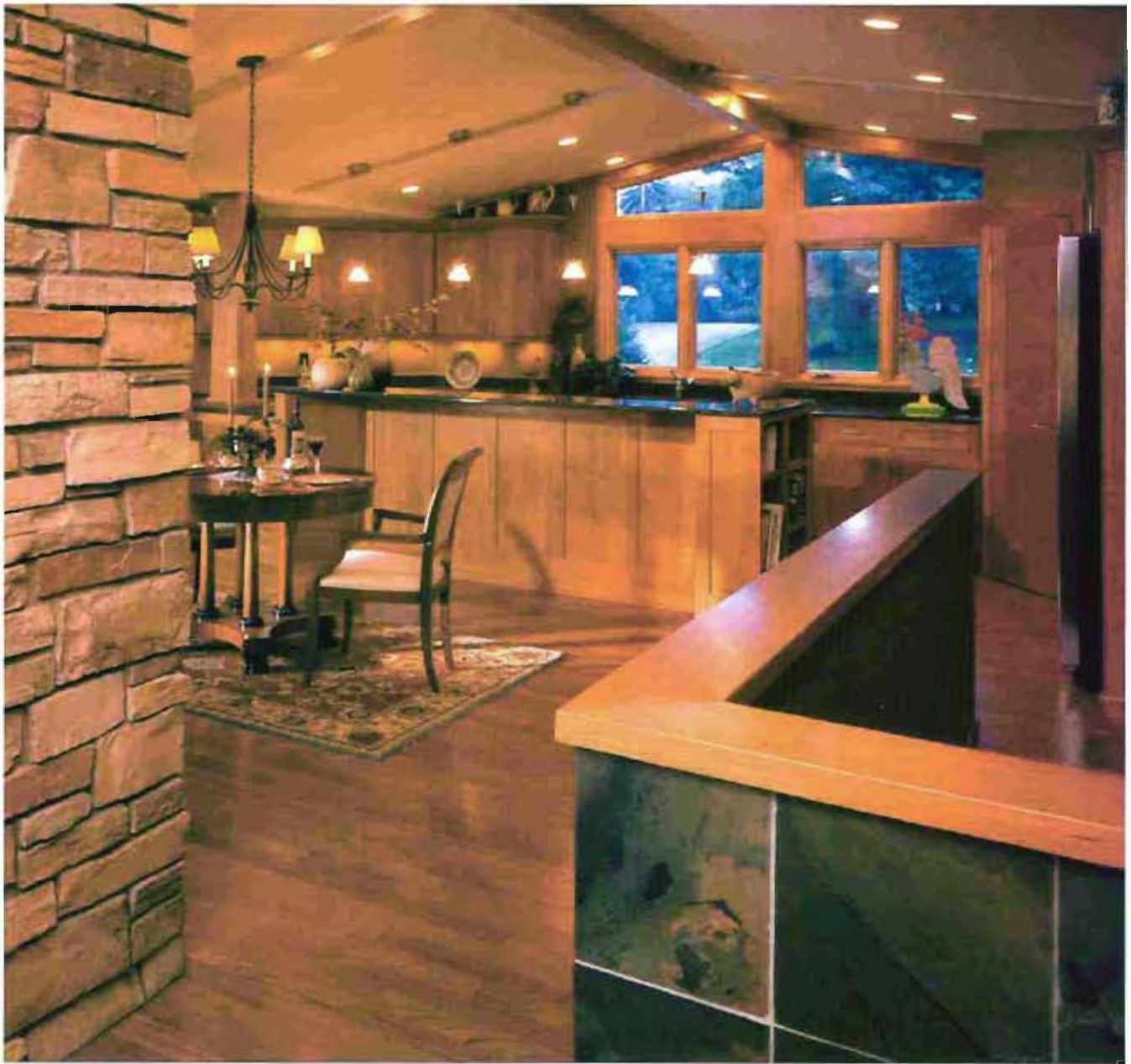


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Choose the Right Interior Design Consultant

Choosing the right person for the very personal job of being your interior design consultant is important because of the lasting effects of that person's work and because you need to get along well with the individual through a potentially stressful process. The following tips can help you make the right choice.





- *Ask for referrals from people whose homes you like, or from building contractors or local design centers.*
- *Interview potential designers and decorators. Consider whether your personalities would work well together, and whether you like their style and their business method. Make sure you are confident in their education and knowledge in their field.*
- *Ask about their fees.*
- *Also ask to see their portfolio/sample book or perhaps visit some homes where they worked as designers.*
- *Spend some time thinking and organizing before you begin your project. An interior design consultant will want to know how the space will be used, what your budget is and what your time frame is for the project.*
- *Take your time as you work with your designer to be sure of your decisions. And don't be afraid to say "no."*
- *Agree on what will be done and get it in writing, if possible. Or at least make sure you and the designer clearly communicate about expectations, so there is no confusion later.*