

Game Time

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IN A TRULY LUXURIOUS HOME, one expects certain essential spaces to be lavish: spa-like bathrooms, a kitchen worthy of a celebrity chef, and a formal dining room suitable for hosting royalty. No matter how sophisticated a house may be, however, it is often the non-essential recreational spaces that define the depths of luxury and the personality of its owners. These include media rooms that rival commercial movie theaters, private bowling alleys, and game rooms in which nothing is off limits: an antique Wurlitzer jukebox, a neon sign salvaged from an old bar, or whatever else unabashedly reflects their owners' passions. "Game room designs are very personal, places where people feel comfortable expressing themselves," notes Dallas-based interior designer Elaine Williamson.

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**Even in the most formal homes,
fun must have its place.**