



IT'S OFFICIAL Mark Leveno and Amy Wynne Leveno met in architecture school, and they've been collaborating ever since.



BY DESIGN Clockwise from left: For the new location of Houndstooth Coffee. which opened in June, Official created an island that allows for a 360-degree coffee experience; a kitchen the Levenos designed for a renovation project in Midway Hollow; a cedar-clad pool house was a new addition to the Midway Hollow project; the limited edition Peanut rocker.



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Whether it's a southern Dallas coffee shop or a Turtle Creek townhouse, this innovative design duo keeps things interesting with a varied assortment of projects.

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or Mark Leveno and Amy Wynne Leveno, the husbandand-wife team behind up-andcoming architecture and furniture design studio Official, it appears variety is the spice of business life. The couple met in architecture school at the University of Texas at Austin in 2004 and started collaborating on projects soon after. But it wasn't until four years ago, after working for several other firms, that the Levenos decided to launch their own studio in Mark's hometown of Dallas. Since then, they have taken on creative residential renovations in Midway Hollow and Highland Park; a ground-up home construction in Austin; and a flood of commercial work, including offices in Denver and Dallas, a 200-unit apartment

complex near Paul Quinn College and Houndstooth Coffee at Sylvan | Thirty. "We're trying to keep diverse in our projects," Mark says. That diversity continues in their furniture design, which Amy describes as "contemporary with character." A robot-inspired stool, a modern take on a traditional rocker and a coffee table inspired by Radio Flyer wagons are just a few examples of the limited-edition, personality-packed pieces Official has created over the years. This fall, the Levenos will try something else new: Their Midway Hollow renovation has landed a coveted spot on the American Institute of Architects' Tour of Homes, which takes place throughout Dallas Oct. 29-30 and makes Official officially one to watch. 1841 Levee St., 469.206.7788, official-design.com



