More than 950 guests came together on Saturday, November 12, in Downtown Houston for an evening inside the newly renovated George R. Brown Convention Center to attend Game Changer, the 30th annual Rice Design Alliance gala. Honoring Ric Campo, CEO of Camden Property Trust and former Chair of Houston First Corporation, the gala raised more than $580,000 in support of RDA’s 2017 educational programs and publications.

Co-chaired by Minnette and Peter Boesel, Game Changer brought together professionals in the architecture, engineering, construction, and design industries, as well as artists, academics, developers, philanthropists, and others. Leadership Underwriters were Generation Park and Louisa Stude Sarofim; underwriters were Cardno Haynes Whaley, D.E. Harvey Builders, Hines, Houston First Corporation, TDIndustries, and Walter P Moore. Steve Mechler of Balfour Beatty served as Underwriting Chair.

Guests arrived at the GRB to bid on more than 100 auction items, which included designer jewelry and furniture, local culinary experiences, and trips to Marfa, the Hill Country, Maui, and France. A featured item included “100 for 100,” a campaign in support of the publication of the 100th issue of RDA’s award-winning magazine, Cite: The Architecture + Design Review of Houston, due out in Spring 2017. The silent auction was chaired by Laurie Scott.

Guests then proceeded into Concourse C to experience the environment designed by Melanie Herz Promencene and her team at Morris Architects. Graphics were designed by Craig Minor. Taking in twinkling views of Discovery Green and the surrounding Convention District through the GRB’s new 90-foot glass window, guests enjoyed a seated dinner beneath “Soaring in the Clouds,” the mobile conceived of by artist Ed Wilson that twirls and spins overhead. A short program, presided over by current RDA Board President Chris Hudson, told the story of RDA with a video production that featured comments by Rice Architecture Dean Sarah Whiting, RDA Board President-Elect Kristi Grizzle, Minnette Boesel, and former Secretary of State James A. Baker III.

Seen in the crowd were Harris County Commissioner Jack Cagle and Janet Cagle; City Council member David Robinson; Susan and Raymond Brochstein; Jo and Jim Furr; Mikki Hebl and David Harvey; Betsy and Fred Griffin; Marie Lynn Miranda, Provost at Rice University; Guy Hagstette and Doug Lawing; Kaitlyn and Michael Scheurich; Cecie and Mack Fowler; Suzie and Sanford Criner; and Charlotte and Larry Whaley.
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