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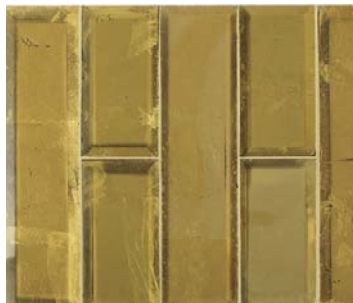
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### **ANN SACKS® UNVEILS MICHAEL S SMITH GILT AT KBIS 2010**

**PORTLAND, Ore.** (April 16, 2010) – ANN SACKS, a premier manufacturer and distributor of tile, stone and plumbing products, introduced Michael S Smith Gilt by internationally renowned designer, Michael S Smith, at the 2010 Kitchen and Bath Industry Show in Chicago. Marking his fourth tile collection for the company, Michael S Smith Gilt is a beveled glass and precious metal brick design adding new dimension to his impressive ANN SACKS tile portfolio.

Inspired by an antique faceted mirror and founded upon his ability to converge traditional and contemporary design elements into a singular point of view, Smith's latest collection represents the epitome of elegance. The gilded bricks can be used as a feature wall, bordering a fireplace or as an eye-catching backsplash. "The antiquing of the fine metals is designed to subdue their impact, but these tiles undeniably add a touch of jewelry to any installation," said Smith.

Each tile is hand-crafted using a proprietary process that fuses together sheets of hand-hammered rose gold, antique gold, white gold or platinum leaf between polished, faceted glass, its illuminative qualities capturing and reflecting light within a room.



Exclusive to ANN SACKS, Michael S Smith Gilt is available in 2x2, 2x4, 2x5, 2x8, 3x3, 3x6, 3x12, 4x4, and 4x8 beveled brick fields. Suitable for all residential and commercial vertical wall applications, it can be used in interior installations and is frost proof allowing it to work for certain exterior installations subject to moderate climate and method of installation.

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Founded in 1981, ANN SACKS has built its reputation with inspiring designs in tile, stone, plumbing, lighting and accessories. Based in Portland, Ore., the company is a division of the Kohler Co. Interiors Group, a wholly owned subsidiary of Kohler Co., which also includes Kallista plumbing, Baker Knapp & Tubbs, Inc., Baker furniture, Baker Knapp & Tubbs Showrooms and Baker Stores, McGuire Furniture Company, and Mark David hospitality furniture.

Founded in 1873 and headquartered in Kohler, Wis., Kohler Co. is one of America's oldest and largest privately held companies. Kohler is a global leader in the manufacture of kitchen and bath products, engines and power generation systems, cabinetry, tile and home interiors, and international host to award-winning hospitality and world-class golf destinations.

For additional information regarding Michael S Smith Gilt or other ANN SACKS products, consumers may call toll-free 1-800-278-TILE or visit [www.annsacks.com](http://www.annsacks.com).

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