

IMAGINE HOUSTON

No one knows better than the people of Houston that with vision, hard work and the right attitude, anything is possible.

Imagine Houston is a celebration of the can-do spirit of Houstonians past and present who have made this city a thriving cultural center of progress and change. The people of Houston have made a name for themselves for proving they can surmount the odds, even when faced with significant opposition.

When many scoffed at the idea of carving through 50 miles of coastal swamp to create the largest man-made shipping channel in the world, Houston did it anyway.

When leading health care was only accessible to the wealthy, Houston gave birth to what would become the world's largest and finest medical district, The Texas Medical Center.

When Houston's baseball team was down by a 15-30 start at the beginning of the season, the Astros rallied to clinch the National League Championship for the first time in the 44-year history of the franchise.

When Houston lost its NFL representation and experts said the city would never be home to another football team, city officials rallied and landed another franchise, the Houston Texans.

When our neighbors to the east suffered one of the nation's worst natural disasters, Houston stood tall with an unparalleled display of manpower, resources and care, bringing hope and relief to Hurricane Katrina victims.

The Houston region is a vibrant metropolis with the energy, optimism and indomitable spirit of major international center of commerce and culture. While other cities and regions have nothing to offer other than tax and financial incentives, Houston stands alone with the ultimate value proposition, a proven mindset of determination that transforms dreams into reality.

Imagine Houston has the distinct honor of depicting this wonderful city through the beauty of photography. This book is a loving tribute to the people of the city we all call home.

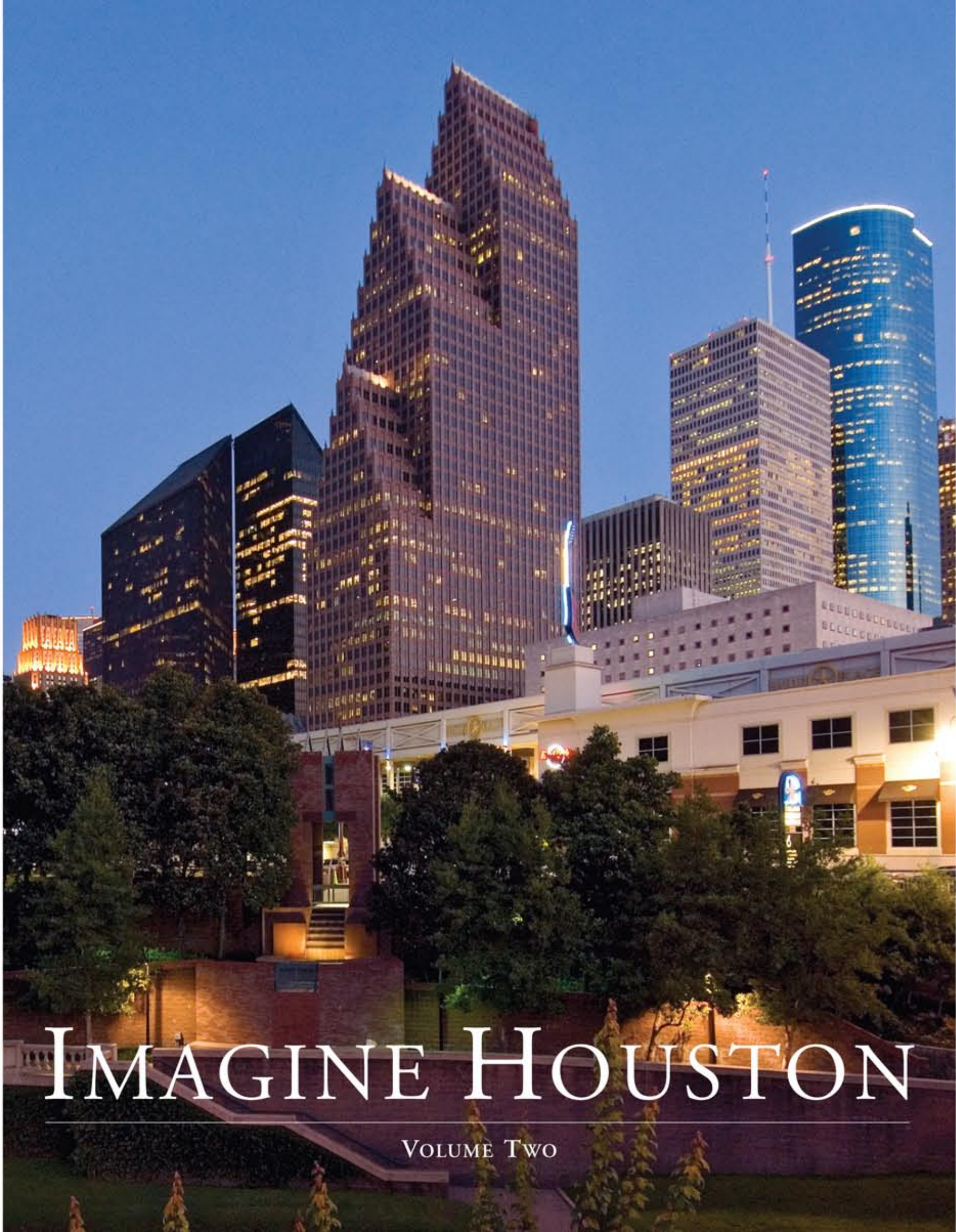


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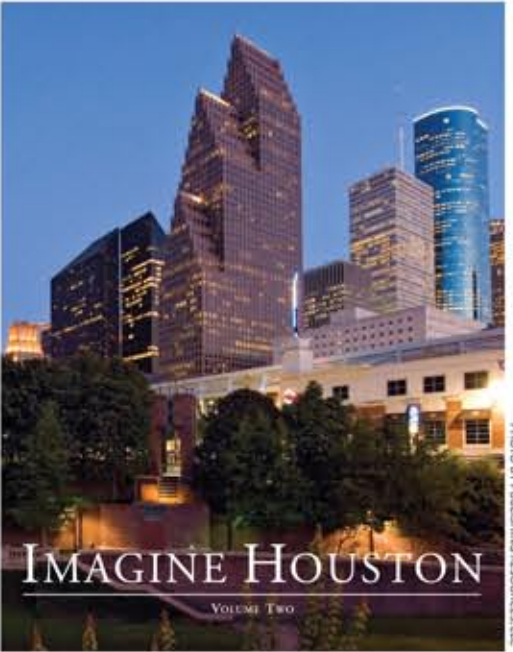
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Downtown Houston is where the city's finest features merge into one splendid metropolitan threshold. The Historic District marks the city's original central point with cafes, bars and nightclubs set inside original nineteenth century buildings. The Warehouse District is home to the city's thriving art community, with studio and galleries celebrating the work of local artists while the Skyline District is home to 14 Fortune 500 companies. Downtown Houston is truly the center of one of the nation's greatest cities.

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