

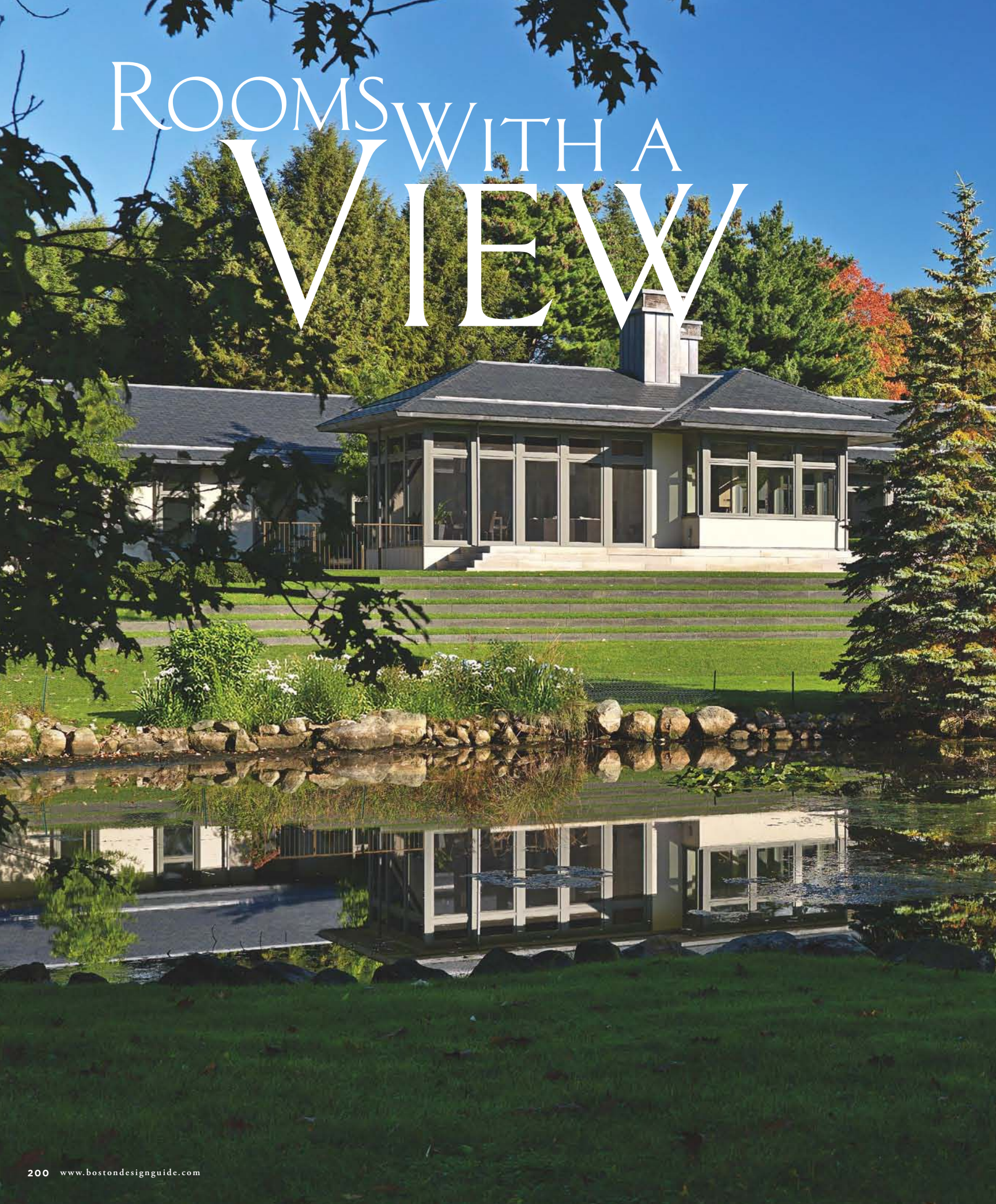
BOSTON DESIGN

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ROOMS WITH A VIEW



BRINGING THE OUTSIDE IN



ARCHITECTURE: **Adolfo Perez Architect**

BUILDER: **Thoughtforms Corporation**

ARCHITECTURAL MILLWORK: **Herrick & White Ltd.**

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: **Stephen Stimson Associates**

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Nestled in a beautifully verdant four-acre plot of land in suburban Massachusetts, this sprawling single story custom home takes full advantage of its scenic landscape. Architect Adolfo Perez says, “The house is really subservient to the view. The orientation was specifically designed for maximum exposure to the landscape.” Complete with a pond, flowering trees, majestic oaks, and a forty-foot tall willow, the property evokes the feeling of an old estate. Yet its modern design, makes the home anything but traditional.

Working closely with the homeowners, Perez designed a contemporary home characterized by clean lines and open spaces. Taking advantage of the beautiful , they brought the outside in at every turn by bordering the home with a series of courtyards and creating walls of windows. Blurring the distinction between indoors and outdoors, Perez created a relaxing space. Warm neutral tones and colors were used to enhance the clean lines and tranquil atmosphere.

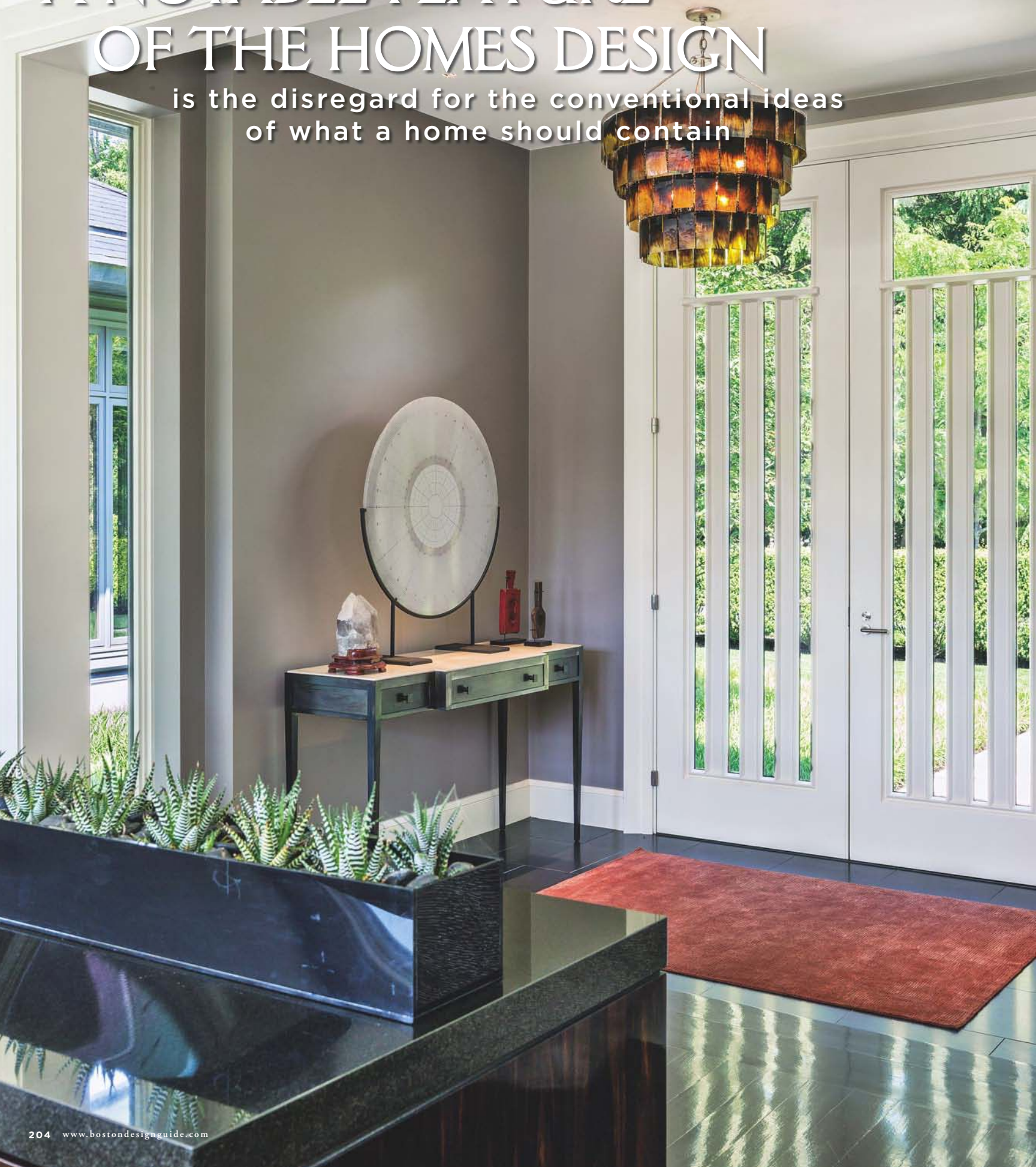
A nontraditional, informal combined foyer, dining and living area with a wall of floor-to-ceiling windows makes for a grand entrance. Aquila pendant light fixtures by Pagani Studio. Standing and running trim, and custom dry bar built by Herrick & White.





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ABOVE: Rift oak cabinets by Poggenpohl; engineered quartz countertops; 42" gas Miele Master Chef cook top with a custom hood; Miele dishwashers on either side of the sink. Features not shown on a free-standing structure separating the kitchen and butler's pantry: two Miele ovens side by side, the speed oven and the coffeemaker, warming drawers under each oven, a 30" full size Sub-Zero supplemented by refrigeration and freezer drawers in the island.

RIGHT: The kitchen offers views of the central courtyard complete with white Gaura plants or commonly known as Bee Blossoms strategically placed by Winston Flowers.



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The simple interiors seen throughout the home are accented by the natural flora and fauna background views provided by the 360 degree windows. Interior designer, Meichi Peng, collaborated alongside the homeowner and Perez to transform each room to fuse refined sophistication with modern luxury. Sunlight easily pours into the home emphasizing its natural essence among the setting.

Bang & Olufsen contributed to the atmosphere by integrating audio and video that was clean, simple, and reliable. Their streamlined and sleek designs worked perfectly with the desired aesthetic. Speakers fit perfectly into the designated spaces – Bang & Olufsen is the only manufacturer that creates such easily integrated systems.

A notable feature of this home's design is the disregard for conventional ideas of what a home should contain. The homeowners chose to forego traditional dining and living rooms, as they preferred to create a more open, informal and user-friendly layout that would complement the view. The result is a spacious combination foyer/dining/living area with high, coffered ceilings and a wall of floor-to-ceiling windows that bathe the space in light and brilliantly showcase the breathtaking landscape.



THE BACKYARD POOL BLENDS

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Just as the interiors focus on using the natural landscape to heighten the experience of living in the home, the exterior was designed to continue this transition of bringing the inside out. Landscape architect, Stephen Stimson of Stephen Stimson Associates played off of the home's structural design to highlight the natural setting and placement in its surroundings. Courtyards and gardens surround the property and contribute to the outdoor living space. The pool nestled in the backyard blends into the space as if it were a pond, stately encompassed by a vast arboretum.

Winston Flower's, David Winston, was honored to collaborate on this project. Working closely with the homeowner and Perez, Winston contributed customized potted plants and perennials that alternate each season to accompany the changing landscape. With the spirit of Zen as inspiration accents of bamboo and suckling plants in custom Rocca pots surround the home to maintain a simple quiet feel. Premier homes are beginning to focus on utilizing their landscapes to amplify the living experience, bringing the outside in is a trend that we are going to see in the years to come.



Thoughtforms Corporation's Project Manager, Charles Barry, says that, "The primary challenge in building this home was to execute well a simple, clean, modern design." Barry emphasizes that a simple aesthetic does not equate to a simple building process. "One of the things that happens in modern designs is that there are lots of demanding, flush alignments with similar materials," he says. "Getting everything lined up for a clean, simple look demands precision. The addition of high velocity recessed lights and the abundance of natural light from the windows will expose even the most minor flaw." The combined expertise of Thoughtforms Corporation's builders and the woodworkers at Herrick & White ensured that there were no flaws to expose. Perez's designs were not executed well, they were executed perfectly. ●

A TRANQUIL COURTYARD

off the master suite greets the homeowners
each morning and evening



LEFT TOP: A view of the rear courtyard looking into the main living space. The exterior of the home features lead-coated copper chimneys, a black slate roof and a neutral stucco façade.

LEFT BOTTOM: The entry courtyard leads to custom 10-foot tall doors with vertical inlaid glass lights that bring additional natural light into the home.