



A STUNNING book revealing 100 contemporary house designs across the United States. The first for IMAGES' new series, the *Residential Architecture Collection*. Acclaimed writer and critic, Ian Volner, offers sharp insight into the nuanced realms of designing the American house today.

*'With so much possibility before them, it's the more wonder that restraint remains such a touchstone for designers of high-end designer housing. The ones shown here seem to be kept in check, not by dedication to a single overarching philosophy (even one so capacious as regionalism), but simply by good taste, which they have in abundance and appear intent on spreading from sea to shining sea.'* —Ian Volner



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Introduction by Ian Volner

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Extensively remodeled, this home's front courtyard has been defined by elements of fire and water. Upon entry through the theatrically designed entrance, lined with rock fire torches, the home opens up into a retreat of comfort and elegance, with the kitchen, living room, master bedroom, and bathroom all designed as transitional interior spaces. The existing home's interesting forms and design elements provided the architects with an opportunity to transform an existing outdoor space into a piano room, situated off the dining and living area. Curvilinear forms and materials create a backdrop of wood, which provides hidden storage as well as a console with shelving to display artwork. It also helps soften the transition to the hallway.

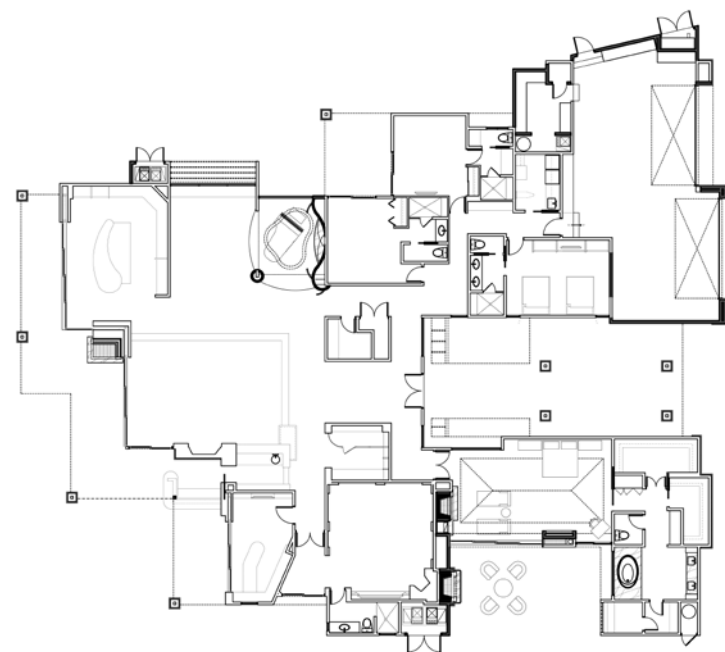
The wood ceiling and large soffits of the original master bedroom made it feel quite heavy. In an attempt to lift the space the architect pocketed doors behind the television element and opened the room to an outdoor spa and patio area. A fireplace was also added, creating a luxurious place to unwind.

Willets Design & Associates, Kristi Hanson Architects

# VINTAGE CLUB RETREAT







FLOOR PLAN



The home's architectural elements employ organic shapes and reflective surfaces.

Ceilings and soffits in custom-painted silver, gold, and champagne tones add luminous shine complemented by large-scale Cambria floor tiles, all of which work together to reflect the beautiful desert light.

Further additions to the home include a custom wine room and theatre, while the outdoor spa and relaxed seated area, adjacent to the master suite, were existing spaces redone to align with the new home's aesthetic. The kitchen was also completely updated to take full advantage of the indoor/outdoor California lifestyle.