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AN EXCLUSIVE SHOWCASE OF THE FINEST ARCHITECTS, DESIGNERS AND BUILDERS IN CALIFORNIA

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Extraordinary Homes California presents you with breathtakingly rich photographs of the most technically innovative and aesthetically interesting architecture, residential construction and interior design of recent years. This magnificent collection of visually stunning homes by widely respected California architects, designers and builders is sure to impress both industry professionals and casual readers. You will get a rare glimpse into exquisite private residences and meet the people who create such artistically crafted structures and personalized interiors.

Experience the unique custom creations of American architect Norm Applebaum. Norm philosophizes that "great architecture is born from a single mind focused on a timeless concept." His precise and unwavering focus on the specific needs of his clients and the site ensures that both residents and home dwell naturally and comfortably in their surroundings. With 36 years of experience and noteworthy scholarly influences, Norm's award-winning homes retains a distinctly Modern aesthetic characterized by truth in function and artistry of form.

California's attractive climate, varied landscape and inspiring Pacific Coast communities have created the perfect backdrop for these professionals to perform their finest work along coveted beachfront property throughout San Diego and Orange Counties, the heart of San Francisco, in burgeoning Silicon Valley and renowned Marin County. All of the homes showcased on the following pages have been selected for their immaculate design, originality of concept and inventive use of traditional and contemporary architectural patterns, complex building methods and diverse interior design approaches. Sit back and savor the excitement and splendor of this exclusive collection of photographs that captures the unique views of architects, interior designers and builders across California.



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Brian Carabet and John Shand founded Panache Partners in 2003. With more than 25 years of experience in the publishing industry and upward of 100 books and magazines published in their careers, they are drawn to providing high-end publications to readers who simply demand the best.

Extraordinary Homes California complements the Dream Homes series, which has been further expanded to major markets in the United States, including Colorado, Florida, the Carolinas, Chicago, Philadelphia, New York and the eclectic Southwest, as well as Canada and the United Kingdom.

The company has also published *Spectacular Homes of California*, an exclusive showcase of the state's finest interior designers. Having received critical acclaim in national publications and regional media alike, both *Spectacular Homes* and *Dream Homes* have become favorites for shelter publication aficionados. The discerning yet diversified tastes of the creators of the fine living spaces in these books truly make these series popular.

Next up? *Perspectives on Design Northern California*.

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Norm Applebaum has carved a prestigious niche for himself in the field of residential architecture, creating thoughtful, sculptural home designs while maintaining an acute sensitivity to and harmony with the surrounding natural environment. Backed by more than three decades of architectural experience and an impressive compendium of teachers and influences, Norm's award-winning remodeling and new construction projects radiate a distinctly modern aesthetic characterized by truth in function and materials and a marked dialogue between interior and exterior space. The combination of his strict focus on clients' desires and his undeniable creative faculty ensures that each Applebaum home is stylistically and functionally unique and impossible to categorize.

Norm's solid educational background includes his earning a Bachelor of Architecture in 1968 from Arizona State University's College of Architecture and studying under the likes of renowned modernist Calvin Straub and architectural visionary Paolo Soleri. He also had the good fortune to befriend the



ABOVE:

The dining area is open to the second-level library and master bedroom; a distinctive table with chairs was created by mid-century master woodworker Sam Maloof. Wood siding above holds the clerestory glass in place, integrating exterior and interior spaces in a seamless manner.

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Situated on 416 acres with stands of California live oaks, streams, boulders and rocky escarpments throughout, the outstanding residential architecture is a true piece of sculpture. A rooftop terrace above the garage unites the home to its natural site, while the serene water feature with koi and cattails also catches rainwater that runs off the roof.

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late Cliff May, the father of the California Ranch House. His distinctive tutelage honed his eye for design and set him on a career trajectory to imminent success.

Like those of these great men before him, Norm's projects consistently challenge the boundaries posed by a structure's walls. Glass clerestories, leaded glass doors depicting natural themes, exterior stone paths that move into a home and comprise its entry and repeated lines and angles are among the many elements and techniques Norm applies to promote environmental connectivity. His homes thus appear to be indigenous to their surroundings, fully integrated into the topographically rich and diverse California landscape.

A longtime jazz musician, Norm views his work as he does his music. His homes express a definite rhythm and syncopation of materials and shapes imbued with a touch of improvisation. Stacked, cantilevered roof lines splay out as though short musical riffs but find resolution in the piece as a whole; geometrical architecture mirrored in a pond strikes the same chord octaves apart. His spatial and structural musicality set Norm apart as a true master of his craft.

LEFT:

Antique Oriental runners lead into a two-story gallery and library, which houses the owner's complete book collection. Clear heart redwood, flush overlay cabinets and Charles Eames lounge chairs nestle at the back of the monumental living room fireplace. The bridge above leads to the owner's office.

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Rooms are filled with furniture constructed by world-renowned woodworker Sam Maloof. The change of level follows the natural grades of the home's site; all of the architecture was studied in model form before working drawings were begun.

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It is no wonder, then, that his remarkable designs have been widely publicized, appearing on HGTV and Discovery Channel and in numerous national and local publications. His collection of awards includes *San Diego Home/Garden* magazine's Home of the Year award for his Appleby Residence, and he frequently lectures at universities and organizations around the country.

Norm resolutely maintains that "great architecture is born from a single mind focused on a timeless concept." His precise and unwavering focus on the specific needs of his clients and the site ensures that both residents and home dwell naturally and comfortably in their surroundings. For their drama, for their play of light and shadows, for their seeming ability to defy gravity and physical bounds—in short, for their artistry—Norm Applebaum's homes truly achieve aesthetic timelessness.





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