

Mid-Century Modern



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Landscape architect David Thorne teamed up with the property's architect-homeowner on this exterior update. The goal was to better integrate the outdoor areas with the home's mid-century modern architecture, and provide more living space for the young family.



A custom-designed water feature, visible through a floor-to-ceiling window on axis with the front door, beckons guests outside and encourages flow between the interior kitchen and Great Room, and the adjacent Outdoor Rooms. The elongated, horizontal planes of the space, particularly the seat walls, modern minimalist fireplace, and grid patterns in the patio, repeat the clean, contemporary lines of the house architecture.

Thorne also created a series of tiered gardens – both flowering and edible – on the steep hillside property. The gardens' olive, fig and citrus trees, as well as an assortment of herbs, are within easy reach of the stucco-and-stone outdoor kitchen. Accent lighting enhances the outdoor space with a warm and inviting glow at night.

Landscape Architect: David Thorne

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Project Size: 3,734 sq. ft.

Materials: stucco, ledgerstone, Ipe wood

Brands: Gas Grill and Sideburner – Lynx; Kamado Grill – Big Green Egg

Budget: Not Available