

DREAM HOMES

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA



AN EXCLUSIVE SHOWCASE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S FINEST ARCHITECTS



Tom Taylor Maurice Lombardo

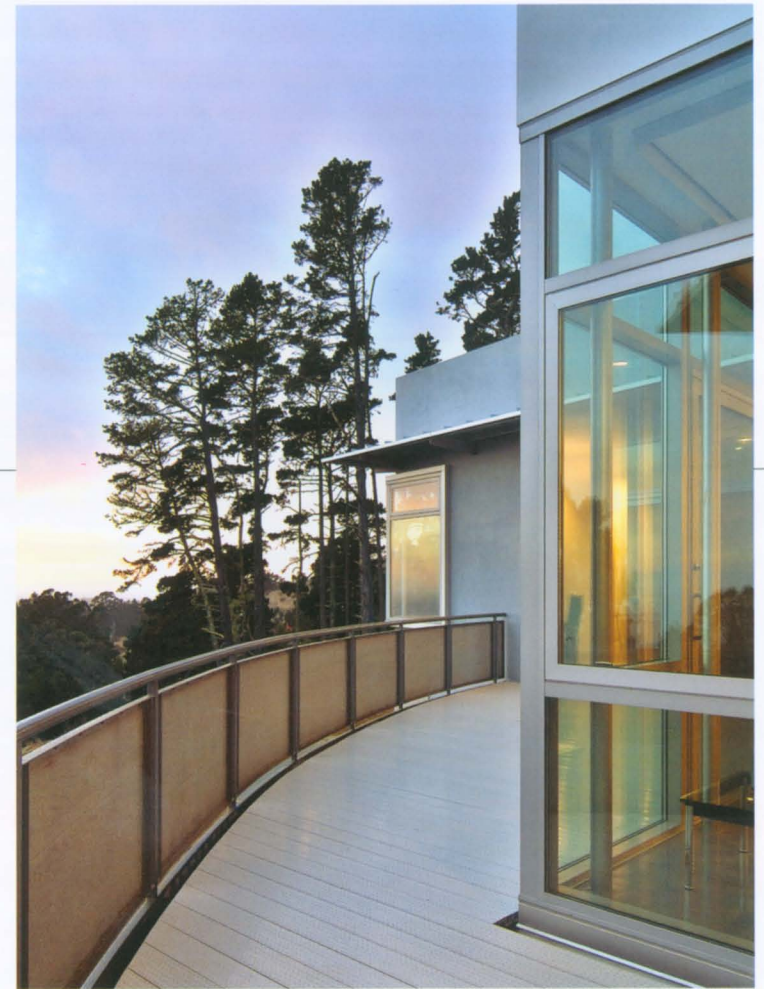
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The ability to establish a particularly appropriate design direction very early in the creative process allows the professionals of Taylor Lombardo Architects and their clients to glide through projects in a timely manner so that due attention may be paid to the fine details which make each work of architecture truly unique and successful.

Having worked together since 1984, principals Tom Taylor and Maurice Lombardo each bring decades of experience to their savvy California clientele. Clients respect the level of partner involvement that every project receives and appreciate the caliber of their adroit team of architects and draftspeople, many of whom have been with the firm for an exceptional length of time. A collaborative design studio, where clients are able to build relationships with every member of the team, ensures a pleasurable design experience and results of which all can be proud.

Taking into account what the client desires, the site warrants and the budget will allow, Tom works through the initial design and communication with the clients in loose sketch form. The Taylor Lombardo project team is then carefully chosen based on the special needs and complexity of each project.

Taylor Lombardo architects do not design buildings to enjoy for a mere decade or even the next 50 years; they create structures that will stand strong and be celebrated for well over a century. To achieve this commendable goal, Tom and Maurice are



ABOVE:
An evening view from this outdoor deck illustrates the modern design elements of this 5,000-square-foot home.
Photograph by Jason Liske

FACING PAGE:
Front entry and auto court. Stone veneer walls are accented by Italian-wood windows and doors with cast concrete surrounds.
Photograph by Chris Larrance



careful to select only proven natural materials—stone, wood, real plaster—because they know precisely how such substances will perform in years to come. While there have been striking developments in the production of synthetic materials, the architects refuse to test unproven building elements on their clients' dreams for the sake of saving a few dollars or being on the cutting edge.

The principals and project architects concentrate on oft-overlooked aspects of the design and building process and place great emphasis on authentic detailing. They believe that when a client comes to them with a style in mind, it is usually the style's feeling to which they are attracted rather than the style itself. Several years ago, a client brought in a dozen large boxes filled to the rim with magazine clippings and images of everything from the Taj Mahal to the White House, and Tom and Maurice were able to identify the common denominator and translate that deeper spirit into a thoughtful work of architecture.

Small enough to offer a high level of partner involvement yet skilled enough to take on some rather daunting tasks, Taylor Lombardo Architects has a solid reputation that has brought about a number of exciting projects. Developers in Shanghai, China, sought the California-based firm's expertise in designing nine completely unique, high-end homes for arguably the

TOP RIGHT:
Private residence/outdoor porch: Evening view of covered terrace. The central stucco niche, which includes a full wet bar, is framed by two recessed French doors which lead to the home's interior.
Photograph by Jason Liske

BOTTOM RIGHT:
This outdoor loggia looks out towards the pool, pool houses and distant mountains.
Photograph by Chris Larrance

FACING PAGE:
The great room—comprised of kitchen, dining, and lounge areas—is a casual setting where cooking becomes part of the entertainment.
Photograph by Chris Larrance





most exclusive neighborhood of the city. In a place where space is a luxury, 5,000- and even 9,000-square-foot residences grace quarter-acre lots, and the Taylor Lombardo team gained not only satisfaction from the job well done but valuable experience with long-distance project management and designing for a new clientele.

In addition, the firm has provided resort-planning services for ski villages and golf courses, and the architects draw on those experiences to give their residential work a unique flair. Wineries comprise nearly a third of Taylor Lombardo's portfolio. From working closely with the winemakers to engineer the actual process of winemaking, to designing cellars and tasting rooms, such projects invite creative and project-management challenges but are well enjoyed by the architects.

After just a few minutes with Tom and Maurice it becomes apparent that they truly enjoy what they do, and even though each stage of the design process is rewarding in its own right, they love the feeling that comes with a simple phone call to announce that their firm has been chosen out of half a dozen or more top-tier others. The principals believe that this recognition comes from a combination of their innate sense of design, genuine humility and enthusiasm for the opportunity to collaborate on people's dreams.

LEFT:

View from rear pathway. Extensive stonework was used throughout the home's exterior and gardens.
Photograph by Tom Taylor

FACING PAGE TOP:

Rear yard of Napa County hillside manor house. Roof tiles, windows and doors were imported from France.
Photograph by Tom Taylor

FACING PAGE BOTTOM:

Interior of private hillside wine cave. Custom wood plank doors and lighting are some of its unique design features.
Photograph by Tom Taylor



Q&A

more about tom & maurice...

WHAT IS A PARTICULARLY CHALLENGING PROJECT THAT YOU'VE UNDERTAKEN?

For clients who wanted a very authentic French-style home, we designed several rooms around antique paneling from France. The paneling layouts were complicated and still in Europe during the rough framing stage, which required us to take extreme measures in terms of coordinating the window and door openings.

WHY DO YOU ENJOY PRACTICING ARCHITECTURE?

It is a tremendous opportunity to design buildings that not only integrate well with their environment but exceed our clients' expectations. We enjoy involving clients in the design process and making the experience pleasurable.

IN ADDITION TO ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN, WHAT SERVICES DO YOU PROVIDE?

Taylor Lombardo Architects offers a full range of architectural and land-planning services. From initial conceptual design and programming, through construction administration and project management, we are committed to providing the highest level of professional service.



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