



This legacy Aspen home and guest house effortlessly connect the landscape to the living spaces with a distinctive interpretation of contemporary mountain architecture and interiors.

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What does contemporary architecture mean today? How has it evolved?
Contemporary architecture has evolved to be more of a response than a style. Response to the needs and passions of the client; response to the climate including sun, wind, vegetation; response to the topography and view opportunities. The result is highly custom, specific to a place and user and is no longer identifiable as modern or contemporary, [but] rather a timeless and unique architectural response to a unique place for a unique client.

What are some key features, elements and materials of Aspen architecture today, and what are clients looking for?

Resiliency: It's a bit of a buzzword in the industry now, but our clients have looked for high-performing, highly resilient homes for years. Legacy: Tied to resiliency, the investment in a mountain property is significant; we are focused on helping our clients be stewards of the land resulting in a project that future generations will be proud of. Holistic design: integrating architecture, interiors and landscape design resulting in seamless environments with meaningful connection to the land, personality and place.

How do you establish a design concept?

An important part of our process is listening to and brainstorming with our clients and project teams to unlock ideas, programming and design. We begin every project with a design charrette, an intensive, collaborative on-site work session focusing on site, user experience, potential concepts and solutions in a live-time format.

To prioritize our goals as a firm, we talk with clients about smart and high-performance design in our earliest conversations. During the charrette, we address the overall guiding principles for the project as well as the programming and character. This process generates a shared understanding of the goals, challenges and the physical shaping of the project's vision.

How does sustainability play into your work?

As a firm, we are passionate about exceptional design. Good design is sustainable.

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