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Verdant Architecture's clean, simple, artistic designs connect life indoors to the outside world

imothy Wade, AIA, principal, and owner of Verdant Architecture, sees occupant health, energy efficiency, and utilizing common construction practices as central to his design approach and believes strongly in the efficiency and cost effectiveness of simple designs to achieve those goals. Combined with an artist's eye for light and space, these practical considerations find stunning aesthetic expression in interiors that foster connection with the natural world and transform notions of well-being into tangible environmental elements.

Whether commercial projects—like the groundbreaking transformation of a firehouse into Rocket Science Corporation's digital game design studio and the stunning newbuild headquarters for Renaissance Floral Design—or unique and inviting residential projects nestled on hillsides or overlooking lakes, Timothy starts by listening closely to his clients' needs. He then produces loose sketches that capture the potential form and character of the space before hard-lined concepts take shape.

"We bring a loose and artistic conceptual design process to every project, but each is unique" Timothy explains. "The common thread throughout is a focus on natural light and a connection with the outdoors."

It is, however, a design process very much grounded in the necessary specificities of architecture, including accommodating budgets both large and small, and designing in sync with build teams. Clean building is central to Verdant's ethos, both aesthetically and functionally. Consideration of energy efficiency and long-term health effects for both occupants and the environment shares center stage with Timothy's draw to simplicity, which means creatively utilizing readily available materials and methods to mind budgets and achieve singular results.

"Our homes and workspaces should be places that support our well-being," Timothy says. "We strive to design that understanding into every space we create."

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: 1) Nature-inspired details and glowing chandeliers beckon from inside the expansive glass windows of this tiled exterior. 2) Wooden accents warm the porch of this secluded home. 3) A stone wall creates privacy while a wraparound porch immerses guests in this cozy home's forested surroundings. 4) The sharp black lines created by a modern staircase and eggshell white walls create a clean contrast. 5) A stone combination fireplace and entertainment stand as well as a balcony with beautiful waterfront views provide multiple ways for families to gather.