



BALANCED BY NATURE

The art of feng shui balances the energy of the California landscape and a family's way of life in a hilltop retreat designed by the full-service architectural and interior design firm ODS Architecture

Perched on a Los Altos Hills peak with sweeping 180-degree views of the San Francisco Peninsula is a 5,600-square-foot luxury residence created by architecture and interior design firm ODS Architecture.

"There's a light coming through the central courtyard of the home that draws the family outdoors," explains principal Julia Arria, AIA. "It's the heart and soul of the project, a place where they can gather by a fire or spa while their dog runs around the yard."

The home was created with respect to the land that drew the homeowners to the property. Material selections incorporate natural beauty and resilience. Thermally modified wood paired with limestone slabs and stucco create a gentle, fire-resistant, tactile palette. Inside, white oak interior accents complement a majestic oak tree, framed by floor-to-ceiling windows.

"Feng shui brings positive energy into the home," says Philip Liang, principal and design director. "Zig-zag moments in the floorplan filter the energy and maximize positive views. Windows are framed to capture the landscape without compromising privacy."

It's the subtle details that strengthen the built environment in which design and architecture are one: walls dissolve into cabinetry for a seamless flow while the entry sequence—beginning at a Zen garden—introduces serenity from the moment one steps inside.

