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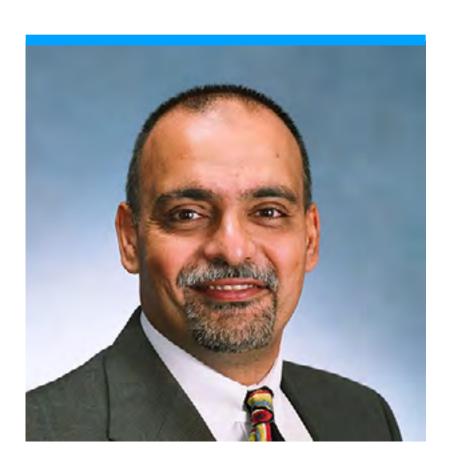
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Abe Kruger

Principal, SK Collaborative

Abe Kruger is a Principal at SK Collaborative, a leading green building and sustainability consulting firm. Under his leadership, SK Collaborative has received significant industry recognition, including the prestigious RESNET President's Award and multiple EPA ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year (Sustained Excellence) Awards, underscoring their commitment to advancing sustainable building.



Anwar Khalifa

Owner, Pyramid Homes

Anwar Khalifa is the Owner and General Manager of Pyramid Homes, a Texas-based building company specializing in green building. All of his homes are built to the NAHB's "Green" Building guidelines. Anwar achieved the Graduate Master Builder designation from the National Association of Home Builders in 1998. In 2007, he received the Texas Star Builder designation and became the first in East Texas to earn the Certified Green Professional designation in 2008. Anwar is also one of the earliest recipients of the Master Certified Green Professional designation.



Amber Monteith

CEO, BAAS Construction

Amber Monteith is the CEO and Founder of BAAS Construction, an award-winning, woman-owned and led firm specializing in luxury custom homes and high-end renovations. BAAS Construction's dedication to transforming luxury residences was honored with the 2024 NARI Regional CotY Award Winner for Residential Landscape Design/ Outdoor Living.



Ashley Wainscott

Founder & CEO, Simply Home

Ashley Wainscott is the Founder and CEO of Simply Home, an award-winning, womanowned and led residential remodeling firm based in Austin. Her client-centric approach, focused on eliminating surprises and ensuring quality, has established Simply Home as a trusted leader in home transformations. Under her leadership, Simply Home has garnered multiple Austin NARI Coty Awards, and NARI Regional Coty Awards.



Andrew Homoly

President, Homoly Design + Build

As President of Homoly Design + Build,
Andrew Homoly leads an award-winning
firm with a proud four-generation family
legacy in construction. Based in Kansas City,
Homoly Design + Build is renowned for its
luxury custom homes and commitment to
sustainable practices. The company was
named a Top 3 Finalist for the National
Custom Home Builder of the Year Award for
2024 and 2023 by the NAHB.



Barbara & Mike Feigin

Co-Founders, Design Tech Homes

Barbara and Mike Feigin are the Co-Founders of Design Tech Homes, one of Texas's largest family-owned custom homebuilders. Committed to crafting "Forever Homes" with exceptional quality, they have distinguished Design Tech Homes as the only custom builder in Texas to be ENERGY STAR® Certified and EPA Indoor airPLUS rated for over 20 years. Under their leadership, the firm has consistently been recognized, including achieving the ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year status.



Ben & Sam Quie

Owners, Ben Quie & Sons

As Owners of Ben Quie & Sons, Ben and Sam Quie lead an award-winning St. Paul-based remodeling company founded on a legacy of fine craftsmanship and a dedication to old homes. The firm's commitment to excellence is consistently recognized through numerous accolades, including NARI Regional and National Coty Awards, Remodelers Master Design Awards (such as the 2023 Gold for Whole House), and Chrysalis Awards.



Bob Berriz

Founder, Berriz Design Build

As the Founder and Owner of Berriz Design Build, Bob Berriz has led his Northern Virginia-based remodeling firm for over 25 years. Their excellence has been honored with multiple Chrysalis Awards for Remodeling Excellence, including in Residential Exterior and Residential Specialty Product categories, in addition to their numerous NARI recognitions.



Ben Hudson

Owner, BK Hudson Custom Builders

Ben Hudson is the Owner of BK Hudson Custom Builders, a custom homebuilder based in San Antonio. As a third-generation homebuilder, Ben brings a deep-rooted legacy of craftsmanship and expertise to every project. Under his leadership, BK Hudson Custom Builders has been recognized among The Best Home Builders in San Antonio.



Bob Chatham

President, Chatham Home Planning

Bob Chatham is the President of Chatham Home Planning, a residential designer with over 35 years of experience, specializing in waterfront, historical, and southern cottage-style homes. His contributions to residential design have been recognized with multiple accolades, including the 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 American Institute of Building Design (AIBD) Awards, two 2021 American Residential Design GRAND Awards, and a 2018 NAHB Gold Award for Best Architectural Design.



Beth Silva

Founder & Head of Design, Harvard Homes

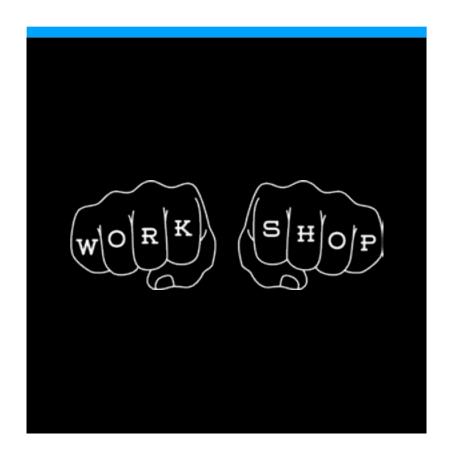
As the Founder & Head of Design for Harvard Homes, Beth Silva leads the firm in creating elevated spaces that feel authentically like home, blending style, function, and current trends. Her design philosophy centers on creating spaces inspired by the people who live in them. Harvard Homes' dedication to exceptional design and construction was recognized with an ARDA Award for "The Althea" project.



Brad Leavitt

President, AFT Construction

As President and Owner of AFT Construction, Brad Leavitt leads an award-winning firm known for its high-quality craftsmanship and innovative design in luxury residential and commercial projects. AFT Construction's excellence has earned them a place on the Inc 5000 list, designation as a Phoenix Titan 100 award winner, and inclusion in Luxe Interiors + Design's Gold List (2020 and 2023).



Brad Weiman

Owner, Work Shop Colorado

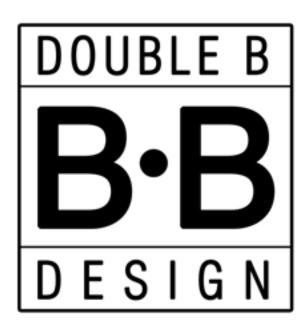
Brad Weiman is the Owner of Work Shop Colorado, an award-winning full-service design and construction firm specializing in modern, progressive, and timeless homes across Colorado. Work Shop Colorado's unique in-house fabrication capabilities for wood and iron elements contribute to their distinct, high-quality creations, setting them apart as a leader in modern home construction.



Brandon Bryant

President & General Contractor, Red Tree Builders

Brandon Bryant serves as the President and General Contractor at Red Tree Builders, a company offering all the hallmark qualities of a luxury home builder—service, comfort, safety, craftsmanship, process and stewardship. Red Tree defies expectations with its innovative approach to design, atmosphere and attitude. Beyond just a house, we see your home as a dynamic entity—a living organism composed of diverse functions, spaces and personas. It pulsates with creative vitality and is anchored in a shared consciousness, presenting an unparalleled experience in residential living.



Brian Baughman

Landscape Architect & Leader,
Double B Design

As a Landscape Architect and Leader at Double B Design, Brian Baughman guides a firm that provides full-service landscape design and implementation, from schematic drawings to final site walk-throughs. The firm has garnered significant recognition, including multiple Best of Houzz Design, Best of Houzz Service Awards, and Luxe Residential Excellence Design Awards (Regional Winner for 2023 and 2024).







Brian Silver

Owner, BAS Concepts

Brian Silver is the Owner of BAS Concepts, an award-winning custom homebuilding firm that prioritizes client needs throughout the entire construction journey. BAS Concepts' commitment to excellence has been recognized with several awards and recognitions, including GHBA Awards and accolades from the Bellaire Home Show, underscoring their reputation for quality.

Bruce Winfrey

Founder & CEO, Winfrey Design Build

As the Founder & CEO of Winfrey Design Build, Bruce Winfrey leads a Houston-based luxury custom homebuilder driven by a passion for homebuilding and a commitment to creating enjoyable client experiences. Winfrey Design Build is committed to realizing each homeowner's unique vision within an efficient and collaborative process.

Bryan Zecher

Franchise Owner,
Bryan Zecher Homes

Bryan Zecher is the Franchise Owner of Bryan Zecher Homes, Inc., which operates as an independent franchise of AR Homes. He is a homebuilder in North Florida dedicated to a customer-focused approach in new home construction. His leadership in delivering an outstanding homebuying experience has been formally recognized with the Avid Service Award.







Chad Magleby

CEO & President, **Magleby Construction**

Chad Magleby is the President and CEO of Magleby Construction, a distinguished custom homebuilder renowned for its 50year legacy of excellence in crafting estate homes and remodels. Continuing a proud family legacy, Chad himself was honored with the NAHB Custom Builder of the Year Award in 2016.

Chad Rollins & Scott Edwards

Owners, Dovetail

As Owners of Dovetail, Chad Rollins and Scott Edwards lead a custom building firm dedicated to projects with significant architecture, utilizing their in-house wood and metal shops to support fine design. Their distinctive work has been featured in prominent publications such as Wallpaper*, Dezeen, and The New York Times.

Chris Brown

President, Platt Builders

Chris Brown is the President at Platt Builders, a top homebuilder in Massachusetts. He leads a firm committed to quality craftsmanship, innovative design, and exceptional service. Platt Builders has garnered widespread recognition, including the prestigious 2023 NARI CotY National Award, multiple BRAGB PRISM Awards, and numerous Chrysalis Awards.

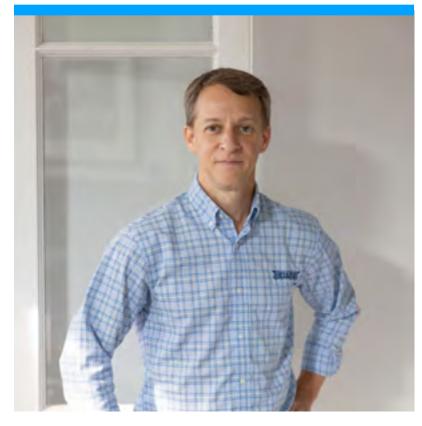




Chris Gayler

President & General Manager, Gayler Design Build

Chris Gayler is the President & General Manager of Gayler Design Build, a design-build firm serving the San Francisco Bay Area since 1961. In January 2020, Chris took over the family business from his father, George. Under his guidance, the firm continues its commitment to a client-focused approach, earning consistent recognition like several Guildmaster with Highest Distinction Award from GuildQuality (2023-2025) and numerous NARI and Qualified Remodeler design awards.



Chris Kornman, Ph.D.

Principal, Entablature

Chris Kornman, Ph.D., is the Owner of Entablature, LLC. He is a licensed commercial and residential contractor in Louisiana and Mississippi. Entablature specializes in renovations and additions to historic homes and buildings, primarily in New Orleans. Entablature also completes a small number of new construction projects each year.

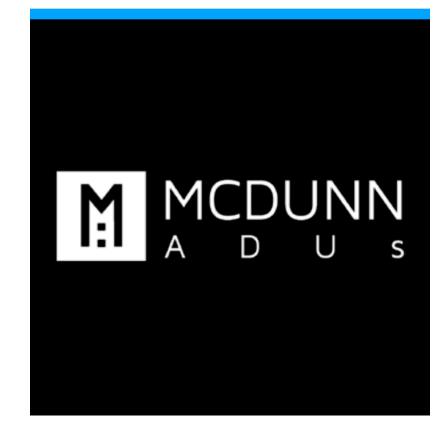


Craig Morrison

President, Cimarron Homes

Craig Morrison is the President of Cimarron Homes, a homebuilding company based in North Carolina. The company specializes in constructing energy-efficient homes and has been recognized for its commitment to sustainable building practices. Cimarron Homes has received accolades such as the Energy Star Partner of the Year award.





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Dan Kolbert

Owner, Kolbert Building

Dan Kolbert is the Owner of Kolbert Building, a Maine-based construction company known for its commitment to sustainable building practices. He has been a prominent advocate for high-performance building and co-authored the 2022 Taunton Press book Pretty Good House. He has also shared his expertise through teaching PGH courses and various podcasts.



Daniel S. Coletti

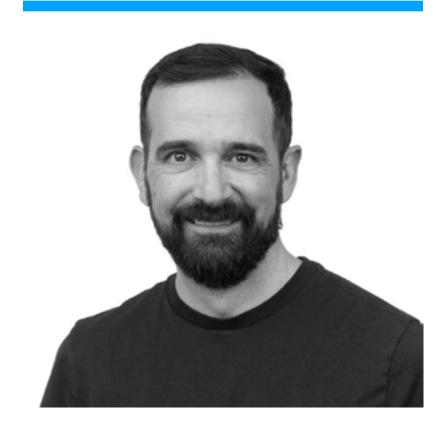
President, Sun West Custom Homes

Daniel S. Coletti is the President of Sun West Custom Homes. He has designed and built over 500 luxury homes and developed more than 45 commercial properties. He has won numerous awards and was chosen to design and build the New American Home for the National Association of Home Builders in 2019, 2020, 2024, and 2025.

Dan McDunn

CEO, McDunn Construction

Dan McDunn is the CEO of McDunn
Construction, a company specializing in the
design and construction of accessory dwelling
units (ADUs) in the San Francisco Bay Area. His
leadership has positioned the company as a key
player in addressing housing challenges through
thoughtful design and construction of ADUs.
Dan and his company have received multiple
awards for their work, including the 2020 NARI
Regional Contractor of the Year Award, the 2019
Bay Area Remodeling Award, and the 2019 NARI
Coty Regional Team Award.



Darren Kornas

Owner, Think Make Build

Darren Kornas is the Owner of Think Make
Build, based in Washington, D.C. He has
led the company for nearly 20 years. He
specializes in creating innovative and highquality residential and commercial buildings.
His recent awards include the AIA Potomac
Valley 2023 Excellence in Design Award
for Lincoln St Residence and the Chicago
Athenaeum International Architecture Award
2023 for Spring Mill House.

Dan Waters

Owner, Creative Environments

Dan Waters is the Owner of Creative
Environments, an Arizona-based company
specializing in landscape design and outdoor
living spaces. Under his leadership, the
company has won over 100 awards in recent
years. Notable accolades include the 2024
Home of the Year award, multiple Gold Nugget
Nationals honors, and recognition from the
National Association of Home Builders' "The
Nationals" for Best Landscape of a Model.
Creative Environments was also named Arizona's
#1 Best Landscape Design & Build Firm in 2024
and 2025.



David C. Zweber

Principal, David Charlez Designs

David C. Zweber is the Principal of David Charlez Designs. He has over 15 years of expertise in residential architecture. His portfolio blends modern and traditional styles, prioritizing harmony between indoor space and outdoors, innovative space utilization, meticulous detailing, and clients' comfort. The company has won numerous design awards, including the prestigious Grand ARDA at the American Residential Design Awards.



LANE HOMES REMODELING



David Crane

CEO & Co-Founder, Crane Builders

David Crane leads Crane Builders, a
Tennessee-based luxury remodeling firm
that has been featured in Better Homes
& Gardens and Southern Living, named
to Remodeling Magazine's Big 50, and
recognized for its green-building leadership.

Edward Lane IV

President & Owner,
Lane Homes & Remodeling

Edward Lane IV heads Richmond's
Lane Homes & Remodeling, a secondgeneration, family-owned design/build firm
serving Richmond and the surrounding
communities. The company under his
leadership has garnered over 62 industry
awards, including Triple Grand Prizes
for Contractor of the Year (2018, 2020)
and three Grand Prizes at the 2024 PRO
Remodeler Awards.

Felicia Foster

Owner, Barron Custom Design

Felicia Foster is the Owner of
Barron Custom Design, based in Texas. She
has deep roots in real estate, landscape
architecture, design, and construction, with
professional connections dating back to
the 80s. The company under her leadership
has earned various recognitions, including
an American Residential Design Award in
2022. Her expertise was featured in many
publications such as AIBD Magazine, KXAN,
Houzz, Community Impact, and many others.







Greg & Wendy Blackband

Owners, Blackband Design

Greg and Wendy Blackband lead Blackband
Design, an internationally awarded interior
design firm based in California. Their firm is
renowned for its fresh, sophisticated, and
unpretentious style, specializing in full-home
material specification and custom furnishings
for new builds and whole-house renovations.
Blackband Design has been honored with
accolades such as the 2019 International Design
& Architecture Awards and a Luxe RED Award for
their Newport Waterfront kitchen project.

Gregory Cook

CEO, Cook Construction

Gregory Cook is the CEO of Cook
Construction, a San Francisco Bay Areabased construction and project management
firm specializing in high-end residential
projects. Under his leadership, the firm has
earned recognitions such as the 2023 CA
Home + Design's Builder of the Year award,
celebrating their innovative and groundbreaking designs.

Holt & Lauren Williamson

Owners, Cedar & Oak

Holt and Lauren Williamson are the Founders of Cedar & Oak, a design-build firm in Austin, Texas, recognized for its seamless integration of design and construction. In 2024, Cedar & Oak received the "Rising Star Award" from Austin Home Magazine's Home & Design Awards, highlighting their innovative approach to homebuilding.







Jay Cope & Chris Harrin

Founders, Semper Fi Custom Remodeling

Jay Cope and Chris Harrin, Founders of Semper Fi Custom Remodeling, have led their Asheville and Greenville-based firm to earn multiple industry accolades, including the 2022 WNC STARS Award for a Certified Aging-in-Place addition and a national first-place honor from the NAHB for Best Whole Home CAPS Renovation in 2024. Their company also earned the 2023 NCHBA STARS Awards and recognition of their Construction Manager as Best Construction Manager of the Year.

STEPPING STONE HOMES

Jeff Kleiner

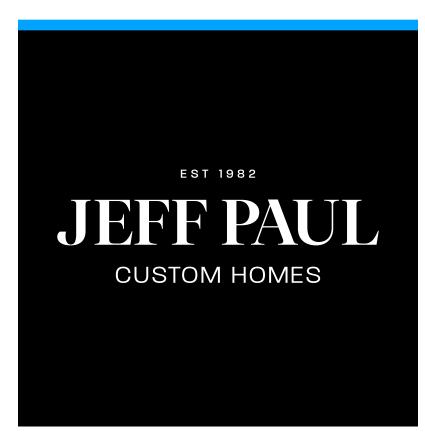
Founder, Stepping Stone Homes

Jeff Kleiner is the Founder of Stepping Stone Homes, one of the largest homebuilders in the Milwaukee area. Under his leadership, the company has received accolades such as the 2023 People's Choice Award for Best Overall Home and has been recognized for its exemplary performance and high-quality craftsmanship.

Jay Roberts

Vice President, Cascade Custom Homes and Design, Inc.

Jay Roberts, Vice President of Cascade
Custom Homes and Design, Inc., is a
Certified Graduate Builder, Certified
Aging-in-Place Specialist, and Certified
BuiltGreen Builder. In 2024, he was named
Washington State Builder of the Year and
serves as President of the Building Industry
Association of Washington (BIAW), reflecting
his leadership and commitment to the
homebuilding industry.



Jeff Paul

Founder, Jeff Paul Custom Homes

Jeff Paul, Founder of Jeff Paul Custom
Homes, has been building luxury residences
in The Woodlands and North Houston since
1982. His firm has received several awards,
including Houston's Best Prism Award in
2013, and is known for its commitment to
building science, home performance, and
climate comfort.

Jeff Japhet

Owner, Japhet Builders

Jeff Japhet is a third-generation homebuilder and war veteran, and the Owner of Japhet Builders in San Antonio, Texas. Known for crafting homes tailored for families and veterans, the company has been recognized for its excellence in building and has participated in events like the 2024 Parade of Homes.



Jeffrey Bogard

Owner, R.E.A. Homes

Jeffrey Bogard is the Founder of R.E.A.
Homes based in Missouri. The company specializes in luxury homebuilding with upscale and high-performance features. He is a Certified Green Professional, LEED Green Associate, and has received the Master Certified Green Professional designation from NAHB. Under his leadership, R.E.A. Homes has earned numerous recognitions, including being named a finalist for the 2025 St. Louis Magazine Architect & Designer Award for House of the Year.



Black Square Builders



Jenny Pippin

Owner & Lead Designer, Pippin Home Designs

Jenny Pippin, FAIBD, CPBD, CGP, is the Founder of Pippin Home Designs, a North Carolina-based firm specializing in luxury custom homes. She has over 40 years of experience, and she has earned more than 80 design awards, including the 2024 STARS Awards from the North Carolina Home Builders Association and multiple American Residential Design Awards (ARDA) from the American Institute of Building Design. Her accolades also encompass the Charlotte Mayoral Proclamation Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Advancement of the Green Building Industry, 50 Most Influential Women of the Year, and Green Advocate of the Year from the U.S. Green Building Council.

Jim Valouch

Owner, Black Square Builders

Jim Valouch is the Owner and CEO of Black Square Builders, a New York-based general contracting firm with locations in Staten Island and Manhattan. He has over 30 years of experience in high-end residential and commercial projects. Black Square Builders served as the general contractor for a guest house in New York, which received a New York AIA Merit Award.

Jim Walker

Owner & CEO, Copper Sky Design + Remodel

Jim Walker founded Copper Sky Design + Remodel in 2003, driven by a passion for restoring older homes in Atlanta to their original beauty while updating them to modern standards. Under his leadership, the firm has been recognized as the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association's Remodeler of the Year for six consecutive years (2018–2023).



Joey Fentress

Founder, Proform Builds

Joey Fentress is the Founder and Principal of Proform Builds, a luxury homebuilder and renovation expert operating in Seattle and Austin. He has over 30 years of experience, and under his leadership, Proform Builds has earned multiple accolades, including the 2024 Luxe RED Regional Award for Restoration or Renovation in the Pacific Northwest, and the 'Ones to Watch' recognition by Luxe Interiors + Design for innovative leadership in the building industry.



John Gioffre

Owner & CEO, Revent Build

John Gioffre is the Owner and CEO at Revent Builds, based in Texas. With his background in business and law, John has grown Revent into a multimillion-dollar company known for its award-winning luxury homes. Under his leadership, Revent Builds has received several awards, including the 2019 and 2020 Contractor of the Year Awards by NARI. The firm was also named one of Austin's Best Builders in 2024 by Austin Home Magazine and was a finalist in the 2025 Home & Design Awards for Best Overall Home.



John Todd

Owner, Elite Remodeling

John Todd acquired Elite Remodeling in 2004 and transformed it into a full-service, value-added remodeler based in Texas. Under his leadership, the company has earned the Dallas Builders Association's Remodeler of the Year Award six times, and John himself received the 2018 Hugh Prather Award for his contributions to the industry.



Josh Rosenthal, Barry Thau & David Milton

Founders, Eco Minded Solutions

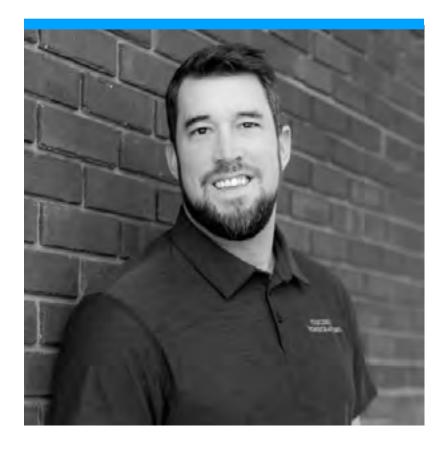
Josh Rosenthal, Barry Thau, and David Milton co-founded Eco Minded Solutions in San Diego, uniting their expertise to create a design-build firm that integrates sustainable construction, landscape design, and home remodeling. Supported by a team of over 50 skilled professionals, the firm is recognized as a leader in environmentally conscious building practices. The firm has been honored multiple times by the San Diego Union-Tribune.



Keith & Tammy Anderson

Owners & Founders, Eldon Homes

Keith and Tammy Anderson co-founded Eldon Homes in Wisconsin. Keith has over 16 years of experience in residential construction, including his role as Executive Vice President of Operations at NVR. He was also a part of the National Association of Home Builders quality council. The company, led by him and his wife Tammy, was honored as the "Midsize Business of the Year" by the Stoughton Chamber of Commerce in 2024, and won the Home Builders Award from Build in 2025.



Joshua Dean

President, Precision Homecrafters

Joshua Dean is the President of Precision
Homecrafters, a home remodeling company
based in Alabama. He attended NCCER and
Clemson University's Project Management
Academy. Joshua began his career in the
homebuilding industry in 2004 crafting furniture
and later working in a custom cabinet shop. In
2022, he became the President of the Greater
Birmingham Association of Home Builders.
Joshua has led the company to become
Alabama's most-awarded design/build firm,
earning over 29 Alabama Remodeling Excellence
Awards (AREA) in the past five years.



Kelli Lawrence

CEO, Onyx+East

Kelli Lawrence is the CEO of Onyx+East, an Indianapolis-based urban homebuilder known for its innovative and community-focused developments. Under her leadership, Onyx+East has expanded into new markets, including Florida and Ohio, and launched initiatives to provide affordable housing options. Kelli holds a Bachelor's degree in Urban Planning and Development from Ball State University and an MBA in Marketing from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business. Her work has been recognized with the 2021 IBJ Woman of Influence award.



Joshua Salinger

Founder & CEO, Birdsmouth

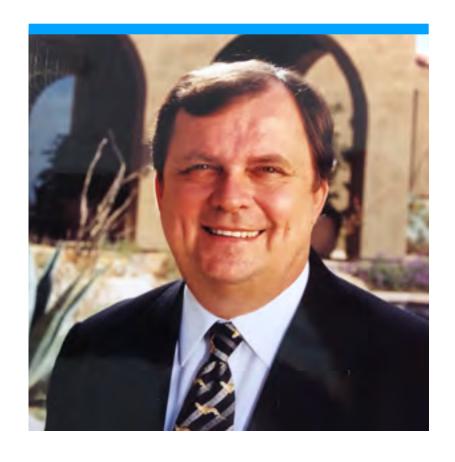
Joshua Salinger is the Founder and CEO of Birdsmouth Design-Build, a Portland-based firm specializing in high-performance, climate-resilient homes. He is a Certified Passive House Builder and an EEBA Zero Energy Home Professional. He serves on the board of Passive House Northwest and contributes to the technical committee of Zero Energy Ready Oregon. Joshua also teaches for Earth Advantage's Sustainable Homes Professional program and PHIUS' Certified Passive House Builder training. His insights were featured in Fine Homebuilding magazine and Green Building Advisor.



Kristen Harper & Michelle Flores

Owners, Remodel Boutique

Kristen Harper and Michelle Flores are the Owners of Remodel Boutique. They have navigated the male-dominated construction world for the past ten years with persistence, transforming their real estate business into a multi-faceted remodeling and investment firm. Their company specializes in vintage-inspired design. In 2025, Remodel Boutique was honored with the National/Regional Remodeler of the Year (RotY) Award by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) for a residential kitchen project.



Larry Kush

Senior Vice President,
ORION Investment Real Estate

Larry Kush is the Senior Vice President of ORION Investment Real Estate, based in Arizona. An army veteran of Vietnam, Larry has successfully led three homebuilding companies in Arizona. He received awards twice as Marketing Director of the Year. Larry is a leader throughout the Southwest and currently serves as a planning commissioner for the City of Scottsdale. Having worked in the industry for more than 35 years, Larry is also an honorary life board member of the Home Builders Association of Central Arizona.



Lisa Sten

CEO, Harrell Design + Build

Lisa Sten is the CEO of Harrell Design +
Build, a woman-founded company based
in California. Her work has earned her
numerous awards from NARI, National
CotY, National Chrysalis Awards, and NKBA.
Her projects and custom furniture designs
have been featured in various publications,
including Home Ideas, Better Homes and
Gardens, and various Sunset books.



Luciana Corwin

Owner, Ahs Design Group

Luciana Corwin is the Owner of AHS Design Group, an architecture and interior design firm based in Texas. Her background includes more than 25 years of working as an architect and designer with residential and commercial projects. In 2020, she was honored with the Most Passionate Architecture Business Leader (Texas) award by Acquisition International's Influential Businesswoman Awards. Her company has received the 2022 and 2023 ARDA Awards, the 2023 Grand ARDA Award, and the 2024 MAX Award for Best Detached Home.





Luke Owen

Founder and Director of Design & Construction, Owen Homes

Luke Owen founded Owen Homes, a designbuild firm in Missouri, in 2004. The company has earned numerous honors, including recognition as a 2024 Artisan Home Builder, 2023 Kansas City Favorite for Best Home Builder, and multiple awards for its project The Rainier. Luke also serves on the board of the Kansas City Home Builders Association.

Maika Winter

Founder, Winter Creative

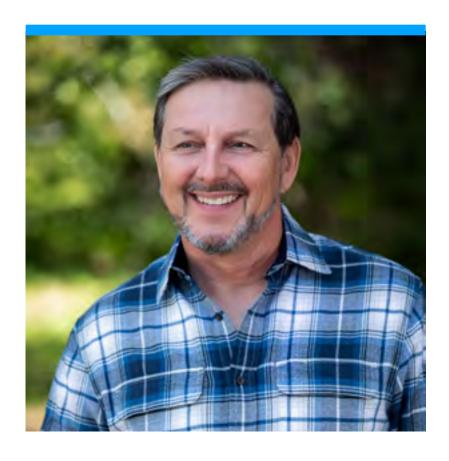
Maika Winter is the Founder of Winter Creative, a boutique design studio specializing in luxury residential and commercial interior design, with offices in Scottsdale, Arizona, and Columbus, Ohio. Under her leadership, the studio has received multiple prestigious awards for its diverse portfolio of work, including a 2023 Luxe RED Award, a 2023 ASID Design Excellence Award, and recognition from the 2022 NKBA Arizona Design Competition.



Marc Michaelson

Founder, Michaelson Homes, LLC

Marc Michaelson is the Founder of Michaelson Homes, based in Ohio. His company specializes in new builds and renovations, and he himself has over 20 years of experience in the industry. He is dedicated to providing exceptional custom home construction services. Michaelson Homes, LLC has been recognized for excellence in craftsmanship and customer satisfaction, earning "Best of Houzz" awards few years in a row.



Mark Macdonald, P.E.

President, Tracery Professional Builders, Inc.

Mark Macdonald is the President of Tracery Professional Builders, a company based in California. He possesses three degrees in the building field related to construction, engineering, and architecture. Having received his contractor license in 2000, Mark has gone on to contribute his knowledge and expertise to his own company. The company has been named a Top 500 Remodeler by Qualified Remodeler in 2023 and 2024, and received the Best of Houzz award for service in 2025.



Matt Sain

Owner & Builder, Sain Homes

Matt is the Builder and Owner of Sain Homes, a small family business that provides full-service general contracting and design services for families all over the Upstate. The company's excellent work was recognized by 2022 Home Remodeler Of The Year Award, and 2023 Best Overall Home and Best Innovation Remodel Award by HBA Greenville. Matt's projects were recently featured in Architectural Digest, Domino, and Apartment Therapy.



Matt Shoberg

President, Shoberg Custom Homes

Matt Shoberg leads Shoberg Custom Homes, a luxury custom homebuilder focused on delivering personalized, high-end residences. Matt is involved with several organizations, including Austin Habitat for Humanity, PIVOT, Foundation Communities, and Community First. The company has earned recognition for its design, including the 2023 Residential Design Architecture Award for the Rollingwood Residence, and recognition as a Gold List Honoree in Home Building by Luxe Interiors + Design. Shoberg Homes has been featured in Austin Home's list of Best Builders and Tribeza's People Issue.







Melissa Gerstle

Owner, Melissa Gerstle Design

Melissa Gerstle is the Owner of Melissa Gerstle Design, specializing in elegant and functional residential interior design. Her work has been featured in prominent design publications like Architectural Digest and Elle Decor, highlighting her skill in creating timeless interiors.

Michael Newberry

VP Of Operations & Custom Home Builder, Newberry Homes

Michael Newberry manages operations and custom homebuilding at Newberry Homes, a company based in Southeastern U.S. Working 30 years as a general contractor, Michael has constructed around \$4 billion in commercial retail projects, residential communities, and custom-built homes. The firm has received numerous awards, including the 2022 Gold Award from the Southeast Building Conference for Best Custom Home, and several Parade of Homes Awards.

Mike Robare

Owner, Robare Custom Homes

Mike Robare is the Owner of Robare Custom Homes, a Texas company focused on high-quality custom residences with a client-centric approach. He is a Green Certified Builder with National Association of Home Builders, Certified Aging in Place Specialist, Energy Star Certified, and Certified Americans with Disabilities Act. The company has received over 80 Summit Awards and multiple US Regional "Star" Awards.



Niall Glavin

Owner, Glavin Homes

Niall Glavin is the Owner of Glavin Homes, focused exclusively on green, high-quality custom home construction. He currently serves on the local green building council through the local Home Builder's Association. They have received numerous accolades for their green building practices and design excellence, including the NGBS Green Partner of Excellence Award. They have also been recognized by the Vancouver Business Journal for their Best in Business award.



Patrick O. Zalupski

President, CEO, Director,
Dream Finders Homes

Patrick O. Zalupski is President, CEO, and Director of Dream Finders Homes, a top national homebuilder recognized for community-building. Under his leadership, the company earned the 2023 NAHB Builder of the Year Award, 2025 Builder of the Year Award from Zonda's Builder, and multiple industry excellence awards.



Paul Doherty

President, The Digit Group

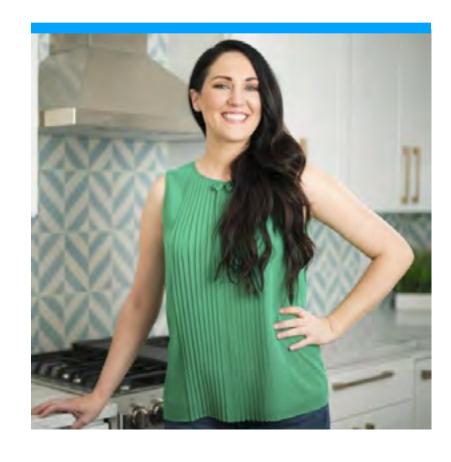
Paul Doherty is the President and CEO of The Digit Group, a real estate development company with offices in Tennessee and Singapore. The Digit Group specializes in designing and building smart cities that utilize technology solutions as the basis of their designs. Paul is an award-winning architect featured on Bloomberg TV, CNBC, and Forbes as one of America's Business Titans. He also co-founded the AEC Hackathon, a platform that fosters collaboration among professionals in architecture, engineering, and construction. His 2 latest books have received top industry recognition, including listings on BuiltWorlds, Smart Cities World Congress, and Amazon's #1 New Release and Editor's Pick.



Paul Grabow

President, Robert Thomas Homes

Paul Grabow is the President of Robert
Thomas Homes with over 20 years of
experience in homebuilding, development,
and construction. He holds a Construction
Management degree from Minnesota State
University. Under his leadership, Robert
Thomas Homes was ranked #5 among the
Top 25 Builders in the Twin Cities in 2024.



Rachel Street

President, Hestia Construction

Rachel Street is the President of Hestia
Construction, a design-driven home remodeling
construction firm based in Pennsylvania. She is a
contractor, designer, and realtor, and is also the
host of the TV show Philly Revival. Her work has
been featured in various publications including
The Wall Street Journal, Philadelphia Magazine,
Forbes.com, and more. Rachel and her company
have received the Best Contractor award from
Philadelphia Magazine and the Rising Star Award
from the Philadelphia Inquirer's Influencer of Real
Estate.



HOUSING

Rachel Wagner

Owner, Just Housing

Rachel Wagner is the Owner of Just Housing and a green building expert and social activist with over 30 years of experience in design, systems thinking, and community education. She began her career designing community-built playgrounds and later focused on energy-efficient, solar-optimized homes. Her work has been featured in Fine Homebuilding magazine and Green Building Advisor online, and she is a regular presenter at regional and national conferences.



Rachel White

CEO, Byggmeister

Rachel White is the CEO of Byggmeister, a worker-owned residential design/build remodeling firm in Massachusetts. She joined the company in 2009 after hiring Byggmeister to renovate her own home, which led her to a career in green building. She is active in a variety of professional associations, including the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association, where she currently serves as board chair.



Rob Robertson

President & Owner,
Minnesota Fine Homes

Rob Robertson is the President and Owner of Minnesota Fine Homes with 20 years of experience in the construction industry. Rob has differentiated himself in the industry by putting customers first, no matter the outcome. Since its founding, the company has been recognized with an A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau and has been honored with multiple awards, including the NARI 2025 Regional Remodeler of the Year (RotY), 2024 Artisan Home Builder designation, and the 2023 CotY Gold Award.



Richard Wetzel

Founder & CEO,
Centric Construction Group

Richard Wetzel is the Founder and CEO of Centric Construction Group, a Kansas Citybased firm specializing in real estate, design, and construction. In 2023, Centric Construction Group proudly became a 100% employeeowned company. The company has been named Emerging Business of the Year and Top 10 Small Business by the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and a Champion of Business by the Kansas City Business Journal, in addition to over fifty individual project awards.



Robert Disney

CEO, Disney & Associates

Robert Disney is the CEO of Disney & Associates, a general contracting firm based in Port Orchard, Washington. With a passion for construction, Robert has been in the general contracting business since 1998. The most recent awards include Best Building Contractor 2024 from West Sound Magazine, 2023 Builder of the Year Award from KBA, and The Official Community's Choice Award 2023.



Rick & Amy Hendel

Principals, Hendel Homes

Rick and Amy Hendel co-founded Hendel Homes, a luxury custom homebuilder based in Minnesota. Rick holds a B.S. in Biology from Bethel University and initially pursued a medical degree before transitioning to architecture and construction. Amy has a background in business and marketing, contributing to the company's strong brand presence. They have earned numerous awards, including the recent 2024 NAHB Custom Home Builder of the Year, six 2024 Midwest Home Design Awards, a Kitchen Design Award, and recognition as the best Tudor home builder in the U.S.



Robert Lord GMB/CGP

President,
Lord General Contractors

Robert Lord is the President of Lord General Contractors, a luxury home builder renowned for its commitment to coastal resilience, sustainable innovation, and luxury craftsmanship. Robert is an NAHB Graduate Master Builder and an EPA Energy Star 100%, and his significant national recognition includes the Pacesetter National Award for Innovation, the Crystal Key Award for Innovation, and multiple Aurora Awards for Sustainable New Construction



Ryan & Megan Patten

Owners, Arcadia Custom Builders

Ryan and Megan Patten are the Owners of Arcadia Custom Builders, a family-owned firm specializing in luxury custom homes in Arizona. The company has been honored with multiple awards, including the 2024 Golden Nugget Awards of Merit for Desert Santa Barbara in Paradise Valley and Desert Park in Paradise Valley.



Sarah Lawson

Owner, S+H Construction

Sarah Lawson is the Owner and President of S+H Construction, a premier residential construction firm in Massachusetts. Sarah founded her own general contracting firm before joining S+H in 2006. She acquired the company in 2016 and has since led it to numerous awards, including being honored as Best High-End Home Remodeling by Boston Home Magazine in 2025.



Sabine H. Schoenberg

Founder & CEO,
Smart Healthy Green Living

Sabine H. Schoenberg is the Founder and CEO of Smart Healthy Green Living, the first-ever OTT streaming service focused on lifestyle, sustainable home, and garden content. Sabine hosts two shows: Sabine's New House, where she explores sustainable and health-focused home design, and Sabine's Kitchen & Bath Renovation, which offers tips and inspiration for eco-friendly kitchen and bathroom makeovers.



Scott Branc

Owner, New Urban Home Builders

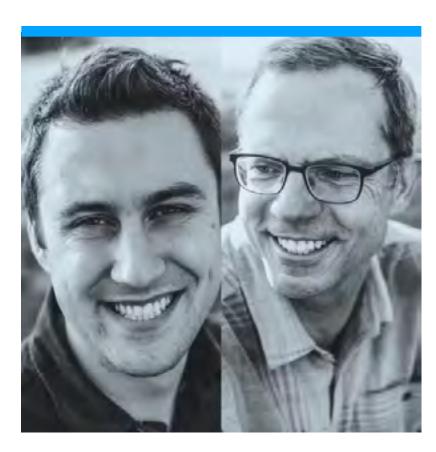
Scott Branc is the Owner of New Urban Home Builders, a premier custom homebuilder based in Michigan. He is an NAHB Certified Graduate Builder and a Certified Green Professional. Scott also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the HBA of Greater Austin and is an ex-president of his NAHB 20 Club. New Urban Home Builders have recently won the 2023 Best in American Living Awards for Best Entire Home Remodel and Best Renovated Kitchen, as well as the 2023 Houzz Best of Design and Service Awards.



Sarah & Steve Warto

Founders, Boxleaf Design

Sarah and Steve Warto co-founded Boxleaf
Design, an award-winning landscape
architecture firm based in the San Francisco Bay
Area. Sarah is a licensed landscape architect,
and Steve's background in ornamental tree
pruning and landscape design complements
their collaborative approach. Boxleaf Design has
won multiple prestigious awards, including the
2024 Luxe RED National Winner and Readers'
Choice Awards, as well as the 2023 Luxe RED
Regional Winner for outstanding landscape
architecture.



Scott Voulgaris & Carl Gish

Co-Founders, Aro Homes

Scott Voulgaris and Carl Gish are the Co-Founders of Aro Homes, located in California. The company is focused on engineering and building highly sustainable, intelligent, and livable homes faster and more efficiently than conventionally built homes. Carl also serves as an advisor for several companies. Before founding Aro Homes, Scott worked on Special Projects at Innovation Endeavors and as an investor at Pegasus Tech Ventures.



Sean & Carol Beliveau

Owners, Slate Creek Builders

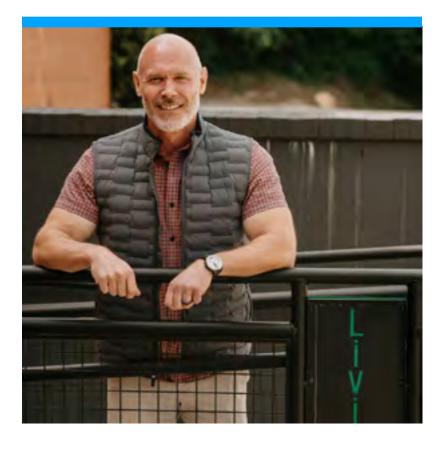
Sean and Carol Beliveau are the Owners of Slate Creek Builders, a custom home and renovation firm based in Virginia. Sean has a background in civil engineering and holds a Virginia Class A Contractor's License. Carol earned degrees in Art History and Interior Design and frequently collaborates with clients on final design selections. Slate Creek Builders has received numerous awards, including the 2025 Builder of the Year from the New River Valley Home Builders Association, Best Bathroom, and two times Best Kitchen, at the NRVHBA Excellence in Building Awards, as well as a Silver Award at the NAHB Best in American Living Awards, among others.



Sumner Douglas

CEO & Founder, Stack Homes

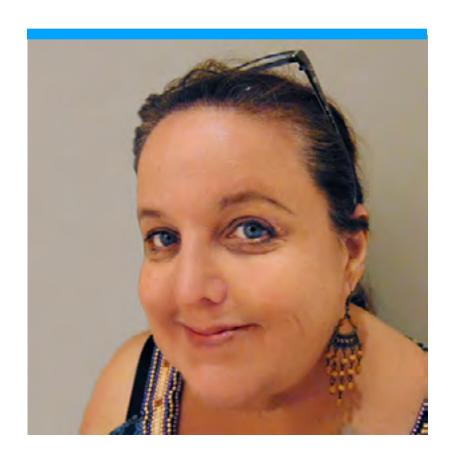
Sumner Douglas serves as the CEO & Founder at Stack Homes. He has experience in the post-carbon economy, ad tech, SaaS/ software, and renewable technologies. Sumner is passionate about mentoring startup teams, teaching MBA classes, and sharing knowledge on energy, smart cities, IoT, infrastructure, AI, and EdTech.



Sean Sullivan

President, Living Stone Design + Build

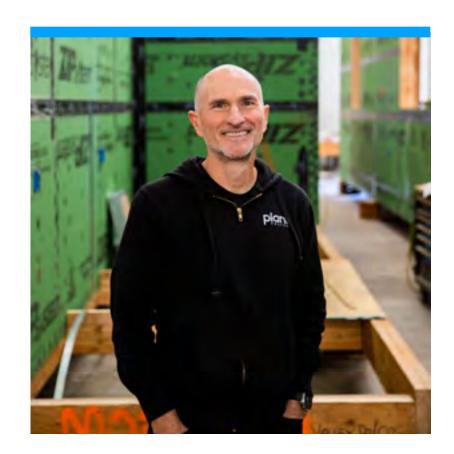
Sean Sullivan is the President of Living
Stone Design + Build. He is an Accredited
Master Builder, Certified Green Professional,
Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist, and
holds an Unlimited Building License. Sean
also serves as a Trustee and active faculty
member of the North Carolina Builder
Institute (NCBI).



Susan P. Berry

Founder & ADA Expert, Disability
Smart Solutions

Susan P. Berry is the Founder of Disability Smart Solutions, an ADA accessibility consultant firm. Susan is passionate about making all buildings accessible to all people and is a certified ADA expert. She brings more than 35 years of experience in various parts of the building industry to the table.



Steve Glenn

Founder, CEO, & Chair of Board, Plant Prefab

Steve Glenn is the Founder, CEO, and Chair of the Board at Plant Prefab. He established the company in 2016 as an offshoot of the award-winning residential design studio LivingHomes, which he founded in 2006. Previously, Steve co-founded Idealab, a business incubation firm, and served as a judge for the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon.



Taber LeBlanc

Founder & President, Homes by Taber

Taber LeBlanc founded Homes by Taber in 2000, transforming it from a modest operation into Oklahoma's largest homebuilder. Under his leadership, the company has constructed over 7,000 homes across more than 80 neighborhoods. Taber has been honored with the Marquis Who's Who Humanitarian Award and inducted into the Marquis Who's Who Biographical Registry. His company has also been acknowledged as Best of the 405 Home Builders for two consecutive years and named a Readers' Choice Winner as the Best Home Builder in the South for three consecutive years.



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Tedd Benson

Founder & Principal Steward,
Bensonwood

Tedd Benson is the Founder and Principal of Bensonwood, established in 1973. He is famous for the revival of timber framing in America and has authored several books on the subject. Bensonwood has received numerous awards, including an honorary doctorate from Unity College and the Granite State Award.

Tim Frost

Owner, Peregrine Design Build

Tim is the Owner of Peregrine Design Build, a Vermont-based remodeling and building company. With over 30 years of experience in the homebuilding industry, he has a strong background in construction and remodeling. Tim has also served as the president of the Homebuilders and Remodelers Association of Northern Vermont and was the Chair of its Remodelers Council, where he became a Certified Green Professional.

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Todd Schulte

Founder & Owner,
Schulte Design Build

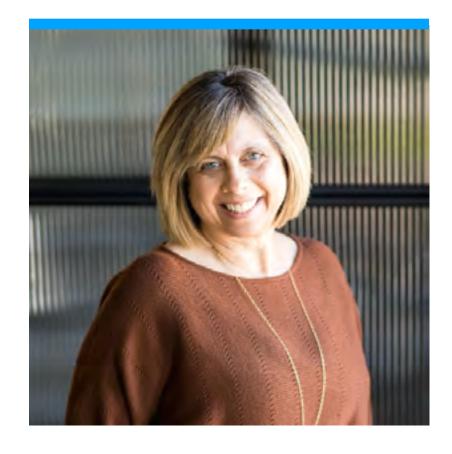
Todd Schulte is the Founder and Owner of Schulte Design Build, a Seattle-based residential remodeling firm known for high-quality renovations. With a background in construction since age 16, Todd has led his firm to earn multiple awards, including the 2025 Best in American Living Silver Award and several Master Builders Association REX Awards, specializing in kitchens, bathrooms, basements, and ADUs.



Tom Haines

Owner, Haines Construction

Tom Haines, owner of Haines Construction in Richmond, Virginia, has been recognized for his excellence in residential remodeling with multiple Contractor of the Year (CotY) Awards from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) Central Virginia chapter. Notably, he received the 2022 CotY Award for his outstanding contributions to the remodeling industry. Additionally, his firm has been honored with several CotY Awards in previous years.



Traci Kelley

Owner, Kelley Design Group

Traci Kelley is the Owner of Kelley Design Group, a building design firm situated in Texas. She is a certified professional Building Designer and serves as a member of the Executive Committee for the Texas Institute of Building Design. Additionally, she is a member of the American Institute of Building Design.



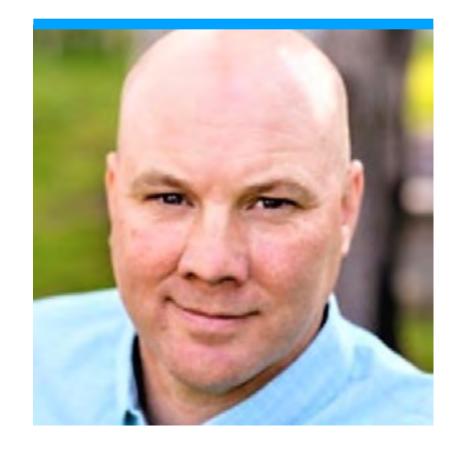
Tyler Kobick

Principal & CEO, Design Draw Build

Tyler Kobick, AIA, is the founder and principal of Design Draw Build, a 22-person architect-led design-build firm based in Oakland, California. The firm specializes in adaptive reuse, custom residences, multifamily housing, and architect-led design-build methods, focusing on housing, public-interest design, custom fabrication, and ecological design. Tyler also teaches architecture at the University of San Francisco, sharing his expertise in studio and skill classes.



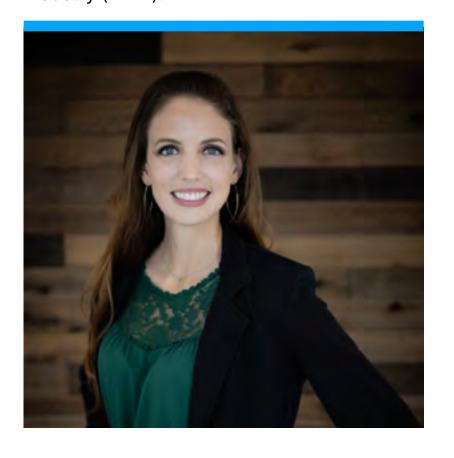
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Tyler Woodruff

Pre-Construction Manager,
Renowned Renovation

Tyler Woodruff serves as the Pre-Construction Manager at Renowned Renovation, a design-build firm specializing in luxury residential remodeling. Tyler's background includes hands-on experience in countertop fabrication and installation. He holds the Certified Remodeling Project Manager (CRPM) designation from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI).



Whitney Hill

CEO, SnapADU

Whitney Hill is the Co-founder of SnapADU, California-based design-build firm specializing in accessory dwelling units (ADUs). She was honored as one of San Diego Business Journal's 40 Next Top Business Leaders Under 40 for her role in scaling SnapADU to \$15 million in revenue during the pandemic. The firm has also been featured in various industry publications including Buildertrend's "The Building Code" and the "Influential Entrepreneurs" podcast, highlighting their expertise in ADU construction and business development.

Vikas Enti

CEO, Reframe

Vikas Enti is the CEO of Reframe Systems, a startup developing robotic microfactories to build net-zero homes more efficiently. Before founding Reframe, Vikas spent 11 years at Amazon Robotics, where he held multiple leadership positions. Reframe Systems has been featured in The Boston Globe, Boston Business Journal, Forbes, Christian Science Monitor, and Zivid.

Warren O'Shea

Owner & Remodeler,
O'Shea Builders

Warren O'Shea is the Owner of O'Shea Builders, located in Southern Maine. O'Shea Builders specializes in remodeling and renovations with a specific focus on kitchens and bathrooms. His company has been listed in Remodeling Magazine as one of the nation's top 50 remodeling companies and its work has been featured on HGTV's Vacation House for Free, Restaurant Impossible, Maine Cabin Masters, and the HomeWork series for WGME.

Methodology

Fixr.com extensively researched homebuilding professionals currently working in the industry in the U.S. The 100 that feature in this list were chosen based on their industry authority, media and social media presence, and awards they have won. Many have appeared in exclusive features in top publications, highlighting their projects.

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