





Grand expression

This palatial home could be nestled in the foothills of ancient Rome. Jacqueline & Associates created the upmarket interiors

Preceding pages: Scenes fit for a Roman emperor grace this European-look home. In reality, the house is set in the Southern Highlands residential community in Las Vegas.

Above: The interiors by Jacqueline & Associates reflect a relaxed, larger-than-life ambiance. Natural materials and artisan skills are featured throughout.

Interior design can involve so much more than providing a defining vision for a residence. To achieve a stand-out home that reflects and exceeds a client's wishes, an interior designer combines artistic strengths with people power – an ability to gather together, brief and inspire all subcontractors involved with their vision.

Jacqueline Thornton, principal designer with Jacqueline & Associates, created the interior for this Italian-style residence in the high-end Las Vegas residential community, Southern Highlands. She also oversaw all subcontractors on the project.

"This meant liaising with the client, the main

contractor and all subcontractors involved – from stonemasons to landscape artists," says Thornton.

Thornton's central role on the project, however, was as interior designer. She addressed everything from color palettes, fabric choices, window cover treatments, and hardware casings, through to lighting systems, choice of indoor and outdoor furniture, most artworks, and all the cabinetry. In short, everything right up to the ceiling details.

"Every element the client wished for and dreamed of, we took note of – and implemented," says Thornton. "The client wanted a Tuscan-look design, but with a difference. It had to be casual,



a little rustic, comfortable and, at the same time, inviting. The clients enjoy entertaining – this house has its own wine cellar, for example. Ultimately, the house had to have a beautiful atmosphere and be a fun, happy place to spend time in."

A good interior is frequently the result of effectively addressed design challenges, and this Southern Highlands home was no exception.

"The foyer was a central challenge," the designer says. "With no formal living room, the foyer had to present a sense of entry, and set the scene for the rest of the home."

To create impact here, Porter set a custom

medallion into the floor and designed a groin vault ceiling overhead. The resulting height allowed her to introduce a spectacular six-foot chandelier – a strong design statement and a clear indication of the lavish detail guests could expect to encounter in the subsequent rooms.

"In terms of finishes, we used individualistic granite and stones along with unusual tile designs," says Porter. "Crafted wood was incorporated right through the home, including all the archways."

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Above: The entrance creates a sense of opulence that runs right through the home. A chandelier hangs from a vaulted ceiling, and is echoed by a tiled floor medallion, designed by Jacqueline Thornton. A neutral color palette is used in all the rooms, both to complement the classic architecture and to allow artifacts and artworks to stand out.



Above and right: Arches and colonnades abound in the indoor-outdoor architecture of the residence. Pinnacle Architecture Studio designed the home to give views from most areas of the home out across the pools and beyond. Unusual woods and stone sourced from around the world were used for the exterior finishes.



Before an imaginative interior design sets the scene for day-to-day living and entertaining, the good bones that come from an intelligent house design are required.

Pinnacle Architecture Studio is a custom design firm specializing in high-end residential and commercial projects. Pinnacle's complete architectural design for this residence included floor plans, elevations, the roof system and the exterior finishes – the entire build and look of the house, says director Quinn Boesenecker.

"For this project, the clients asked us to create a rambling single-level home," says Boesenecker.

"They wanted a home that would sit well in the surrounding community, but also would express their individuality."

Located in the manicured environment of Southern Highlands, the residence includes many gracious elements. A courtyard, complete with trickling water feature, greets guests at the approach to the house. Inside, the foyer's high-reaching vaulted ceilings and galleries of glass overlooking the lush landscaping and pool areas are equally impressive.

"These features and the generous, flowing living spaces combine to create an atmosphere of

casual elegance, and a sense of welcome," he says. "Despite the relaxed ambiance, everything about this design was meticulously considered before a single foundation stone was laid. We made sure all views were maximized and that we met all the guidelines of the greater community, as well as those of the local building department."

Boesenecker says the most intimate, day-to-day communication, however, was with the owner.

"On any project, especially one on this scale, a shared vision between designer and client is vital."

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Top: In keeping with the classic look, the home's design features several dramatic approaches. This walkway leads to an arched side entrance, complete with luminaires.

Above: The house is designed to be appreciated as much from the outside as from the internal spaces.



Above: Roma Design created the Romanesque fountain in the home's entry courtyard.

Right: This stone door surround was designed and installed by Roma Design. The feature was introduced to further an emphasis on stonework and hand-crafted detailing that is seen throughout the interior.

Sometimes a single feature element can evoke the spirit of the entire residence. Roma Design created a three-spout Romanesque fountain in the entry courtyard of this home with this quality, along with another ornamental fountain, which graces the open-air dining area.

Director of Roma Design Mario Aloe says the fountains were crafted to complement the home through design, texture and limestone hues.

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In a climate where indoors and outdoors can run together, meticulous landscaping has created an expansive, flowing outdoor living space.

Attanasio Landscape Architecture was responsible for the design of the exterior environment. This involved the hardscape, pathways, driveways, site walls, landscape irrigation, external lighting, and the pool, spa and outdoor kitchen area. There was an extensive use of trellises, fountains, classic pots and gates.

Director Chris Attanasio says his unified design worked with the home's architecture, the interior spaces and the owner's specific requirements.

"The owners love being outdoors, so we planned for versatility," says Attanasio. "For example, the pool needed to be long enough to swim laps, have open play space and also act as a water feature. The patio and garden spaces offer private areas for sunbathing, good circulation for entertaining and an outdoor family room.

"We chose Haddonstone pots, sculpture and accessories with a classic European look," he says. "The design also utilizes sustainable materials."

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Above: Attanasio Landscape Architecture created an outdoor hierarchy that includes low stone walls throughout the pool and garden areas. An elevated fountain spilling into the pool is the focal point. Beyond the fountain are expansive views, but the spaces feel intimate because the layout is oriented toward the home.



Above: Poolsclapes installed all the hard and soft landscaping for the residence, including the swimming pool and feature stonework. The pool is long enough for the owner to swim laps. Artificial stonework provides an aesthetic feature and creates a visual link between the pool and the home.

In a desert environment, water is often a symbol of luxury. The sight and sound of trickling water features and a large swimming pool and spa are central to a gracious home's ambiance.

Poolsclapes provided design input and carried out all construction landscaping work on this project, including the installation of the pool, spa and fountains, says director Ivan Friedmutter.

"There are four fountains in the swimming pool, and we put in solar heating so the family, who are all swimmers, can use the pool year round," says Friedmutter. "We were also asked to build a structure to support the fountain in the entry court,

which was initially designed by the architects and finished by Roma."

In addition to all the pathways and other hard landscaping, Poolsclapes selected all the plantings for the outdoor spaces.

"The project included laying 3000ft² of artificial grass, which we chose for its good looks, and as an energy-saving measure. A huge amount of water would have been needed to keep real grass alive in this climate," he says.

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