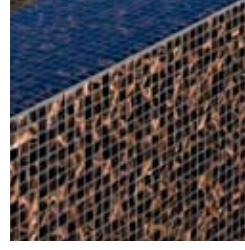
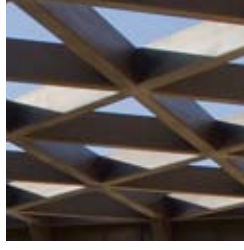


PINNACLE ARCHITECTURAL STUDIO





TOP RIGHT: Fire and water are reoccurring themes within the house, often seen dueling side by side. The fireboxes are actually custom-built, acid-washed stainless steel towers with adjustable height flames protruding from each side. Above, two granite-faced water features flow from the copper plank ceiling to the granite mantel.



BOTTOM RIGHT: There are many sources of light in the powder room, none of which are direct. Backlit onyx makes the walls appear to glow, while rope lighting hidden behind the custom-made mirror casts flattering light onto every reflection.



FACING PAGE: The house is built around a center courtyard, ensuring a continuous connection to nature. Custom-built lighting encloses the living room and foyer, with seven distinctive shell chandeliers floating at different heights in the great room. The bowed iron railings on the mezzanine are softened by a wooden top handrail stained to match. Copper, glass tile, limestone, bamboo, slate, and custom ironwork come together to achieve a warm yet contemporary feel.

PREVIOUS PAGES: The original design called for an entrance over water, but the general consensus was that it might be a possible hazard. After visiting Thailand and China and seeing this application used in many restaurants and hotels, the concern was lifted. The Zen, slightly Asian aura continues throughout the house's décor and landscaping.

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ABOVE: Plentiful and artfully spaced windows allow the décor to run to darker, richer colors without seeming oppressive. Unusual touches, such as continuing the hardwood from the floors onto the walls in the master bedrooms, are a simple yet impactful way to add visual interest.

RIGHT: In a room like the master bathroom, which is situated toward the center of the home, skylights provide a sense of openness and a source of much-appreciated light. Enjoying a soak in the solid granite tub while water streams from the ceiling is a luxurious experience.

FACING PAGE: Bamboo is a strong theme, showing up everywhere from strips cut into the limestone kitchen floor to the iron decorations in the dining room. Employing as many natural accents as possible, whether in the form of rock pockets hugging a wall or a corner door that opens directly over the pond at the front entrance, keeps the flow between indoors and outdoors seamless.

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RIGHT & BELOW: Completely tiled in black and gold glass tiles, the pool is constantly shimmering beneath the Nevada sun. A wet deck affords a place for little ones to splash while sunbathers can enjoy the dancing jets and flickering fire pots that decorate the pool.

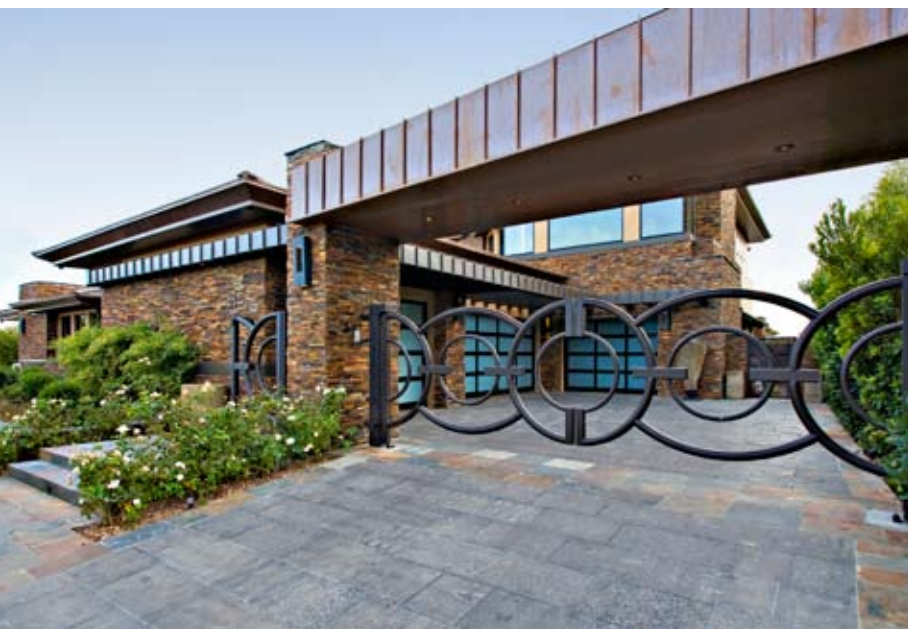
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FACING PAGE: "The bird's nest," an open-air deck outfitted with every creature comfort desirable, offers stunning panoramic views of the mountains, nearby golf course, and the world-famous Las Vegas strip. Trellis-covered walkways, overlooking the home's center courtyard below, lead from the house to the tranquil hideaway.









ABOVE: A honeycomb-patterned iron trellis connects the two patios, casting intricate shadows over the sparkling pool. Five water features pour down from the trellis into the wet deck to create a tropical feel.

LEFT & FACING PAGE BOTTOM: A combination of slate and lava rock forms the basis for the home's entrance, leading up to a gate that mimics the design on the front door. To balance out the straight lines and sharp edges of the predominant stone, the linked circles are a soft yet still contemporary addition.

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