



Innovative Engineering residential project receives an Award of Merit from the Atlanta Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

IEI provided the Structural design for this project.



HIGH STYLE

An exclusive look at the winners of this year's residential design awards from the Atlanta chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

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Atlanta is a city chockfull of stately homes. But sometimes what sets the extraordinary apart from the ordinary is not just size. Some homes have natural relationships with their surroundings and neighborhoods, and are designed to work with the site's good and bad aspects. Others are meticulously designed with fine craftsmanship and attention to detail. To celebrate these stellar examples, the Atlanta chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) hosts annual residential design awards open to any architect who resides in Georgia and is registered here. Categories include both single-family and multi-family construction and renovation. With no limit on how many winners they could choose, this year's judges—architects Carey McWhorter, AIA, of McWhorter Architects PA in Seagrave Beach, Florida, and David J. Hadin, AIA, of Hadin + Associates Inc. in Boston—honored seven projects in five categories from the 31 submissions. Two projects received "Awards of Excellence," the highest honors, and the remaining five received "Awards of Merit." Read on for an exclusive, close-up look at the winning entries. For contact information and a complete listing of all the players involved in building these projects, see our Resources guide on page 78.

BUILT IN HARMONY Creating a delicate balance with the natural surroundings was the goal of architect Marvin Housworth, FAIA, when he was hired to design a couple's 3,700-square-foot home in Brevard, North Carolina. Their main concern was to position the home within the existing hardwood forest landscape. "They wanted to be able to see the landscape throughout the day and enjoy it," Housworth explains. So he designed three building masses that are positioned on the site to take maximum benefit of the views. Natural materials—including Eastern white cedar siding and native stone—blend the exterior with the site, while expansive African mahogany windows were used throughout to bring in natural light. "We were especially impressed with how the entire house is completely nestled on the hillside," says judge David Hacin. "It's situated so nicely into what could be a difficult sloping lot." **See Resources**

AWARD OF MERIT
CATEGORY: Single-Family New Construction
ARCHITECTURE FIRM: KPS Group Inc.
PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT: Marvin Housworth, FAIA
INTERIOR DESIGNER: Susan Lineberry, IIDA
GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Perry Bartsch Jr. Construction Co.
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Innovative Engineering
LANDSCAPE DESIGN: Luther E. Smith & Associates



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