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This MOUNTAIN MODERN home celebrates the OUTDOORS, INDOORS

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Curved high beams add a dramatic touch to this mountain modern home. The homeowners chose Mafi natural hardwood floors from Austria to prevent scratches and wear from the nails of their four dogs.

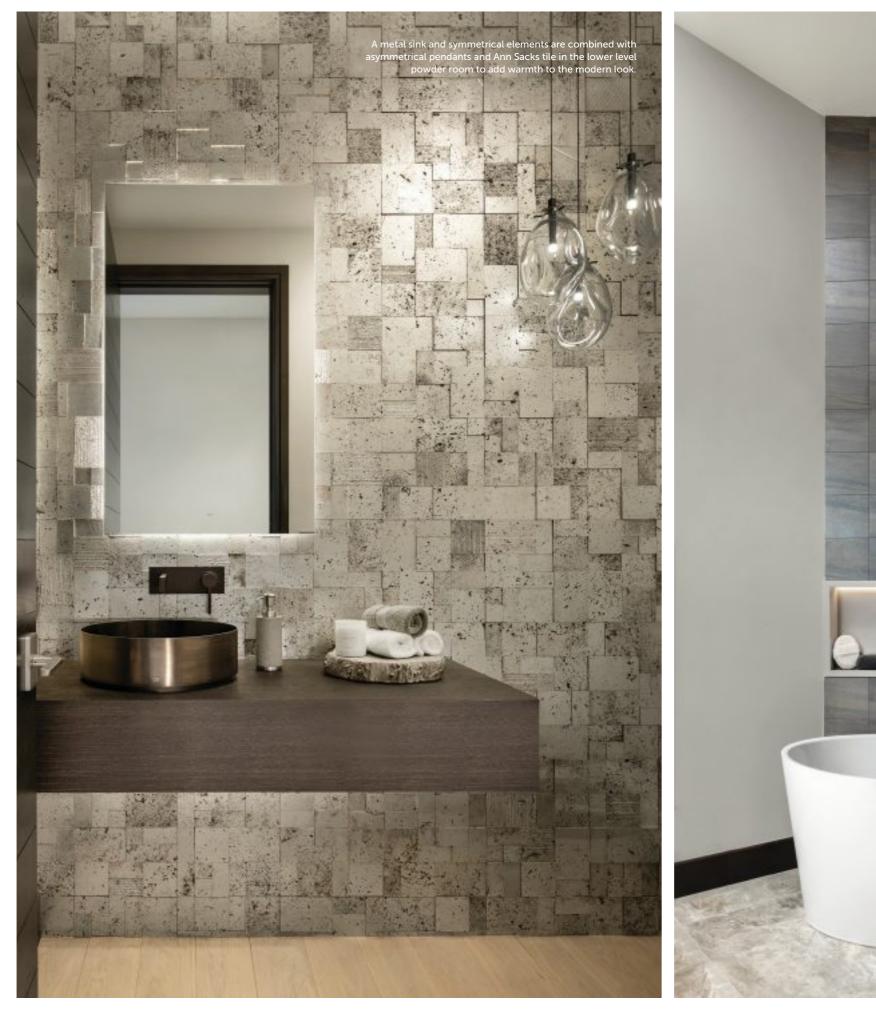
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The curved tub and white Slamp light fixture adds a playful, unexpected touch juxtaposed with the cool color palette and sleek finishes of the upstairs bathroom.

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just a few miles up a winding road from downtown Breckenridge, this mountain modern home feels a world away from the stress and demands of today's

hectic schedules. Sunlight streams through tall, floor-to-ceiling windows that frame spectacular views of Bald Mountain Mountain to the south and the ski resort to the west. It's the perfect retreat—which is exactly what the homeowners wanted when they chose this lot at the top of Western Sky Ranch Neighborhood to build their family home.

The homeowners were not strangers to the building process. Prior to this, they worked with Pinnacle Mountain Homes to build a home in the Highlands neighborhood, but the large family—with four kids, three grandchildren, four St. Bernards and frequent visitors—outgrew that space. At 8,300-square-feet, their new home sleeps 25, with plenty of extra room for even the dogs to play without getting in the way.





The vision? A gathering place for the family and their guests, where they could enjoy the beauty of the mountains within the comfort of their home. They wanted to feel like part of the mountains, but also created an epic indoor space that welcomed visitors with a game room, hidden home theatre, and a bunk room with floating bunk beds.

Bhh Architects designed the home around the homeowner's request for arched high beams, which inspired a curved roof above the central great room. The clean, straight lines of the rest of the home accentuate those dramatic curves. Inside, natural elements, a neutral palette and minimalistic furniture bring the feel of nature indoors, and highlight specific features and furnishings, such as the symmetrical granite slabs used for the kitchen backsplash and island, and the playful, white chandelier above a curved white tub.

"We have all kinds of clients," explains Adrienne Rynes, President of Interior Design at Collective Design Group. There are the hands-off clients who want nothing to do with the building process, and clients who want just a few options from which to choose. When clients collaborate throughout the process, "it's almost like we're part of the family," she says. "The fun thing about this client was that she wasn't afraid to take risks. She had a vision. We helped her take that concept and make it unique to her." ABOVE: Generous windows orient the home to the view and pull the outdoors inside.





ABOVE: Symmetrical granite slabs used for the kitchen backsplash and waterfall island were cut from the same stone. The kitchen's sleek lines and neutral palette allows the stone's natural design to be the centerpiece.