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## COLLECTIVE DESIGN

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Most Colorado residents choose to live there due to a love of the great outdoors. So it comes as no surprise that a frequent request from new home clients is not only to build a stunning home, but to do so in a way that brings the outdoors in. Collective Design architect Zane Levin says: “What’s so special about the current state of design and the Colorado community is the desire to embrace the outdoors, no matter the style of home. We are seeing more interest in walls of glass, outdoor spaces that feel intimate and indoor spaces that feel as if they are a part of the home’s natural exterior surroundings.” Servicing all of Colorado and beyond, the Frisco-based firm offers architectural and interior design capabilities. Levin adds, “The architecture team works closely with the design and construction teams on each project and throughout the entire process. That integration sets us apart.”



“Our purpose is to enhance the lives of others—and we get to do that daily with clients, partners, the community and our team.”

### NATURALLY INSPIRED

#### What are your sources for fresh design inspiration?

We find inspiration in other Colorado mountain communities, seeking out styles that might be different from ours. Additionally, we are inspired by exploring other communities outside of the mountains to see if and how we can adapt different practices to our designs in the mountains. Every day—even on our commute to work—we are embedded in nature. That in and of itself is an inspiration!

### GREAT GATHERINGS

#### What are your clients’ top priorities right now?

Family and friends! In our designs, that has materialized as large, open floor plans and bringing the outdoors in. Gathering spaces are the priority focus. That theme has been consistent over the years and heightened as of late. The aesthetic has simply shifted from traditional log cabin to clean, sleek design and from ornamental to understated.

**Top** This home in the exclusive Peak Eight Place neighborhood features oversize windows to showcase mountain views.

**Far left** The home’s open floorplan on the main level comprises the great room, kitchen and this dining room, where faux steel beams give an industrial touch.

**Left** The floating staircase—visible from the outside through the walls of glass that adjoin in this corner of the home—is a feat of structural engineering and design savvy from architect Zane Levin.

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