

HILLTOP RESIDENCE

Location: Austin, TX
Size: 8,000 sq ft

The renovation of this 1980s residence transforms its dark, dated interiors while taking better advantage of the home's spectacular location atop a promontory offering a 180-degree view of Lake Austin. The existing driveway, which had occupied the center of the property, was reconfigured in order to provide for a generous, landscaped courtyard. Exterior walls were clad in warm ipe, while a small trellis and copper-faced, offset-pivot door greet visitors.

Inside, what was once a fragmented collection of spaces was reorganized according to a clear hierarchy. A central great room acts as a hinge point between the east wing housing the dining areas and children's rooms; and the west wing containing the master suite. Zebra wood cabinets, Brazilian cherry floors, and a fireplace clad in stainless steel mesh accent a subdued material palette. Outside, a sweeping aluminum trellis unifies an existing terrace along the home's rear perimeter, providing shade and capturing breezes.



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