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HIGH DESIGN

Eight modern mountain
homes that redefine ski
home chic.

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From Swiss chalets to Aspen ski lodges, mountain homes have long employed readily available materials and simple building techniques. The subtext of log homes—mentioned as early as the 1st century B.C. by architect Vitruvius Pollio—resonates with uplifting messages about the integrity, ingenuity, and resourcefulness of the human spirit. Somewhere along the way, those notions melded with Navajo blankets, trophy heads, and antler furniture, but today's mountain homes banish quaint clichés and faux rusticity in favor of high-concept architecture and interiors. Some poke clever fun at the style's more predictable elements. Some are unapologetically glamorous. And all of them clean up the frequently clunky weightiness of fieldstone-and-timber construction. ▸



1. JACKSON, WYOMING

Elevation: 6,273 feet **Square feet:** About 9,000 + a 1,000-square-foot painting studio; on 38 acres **Completed:** 2012 **Interiors:** Timothy Macdonald Inc., timmac.com **Architecture:** Carney Logan Burke Architects, clbarchitects.com

In a region known for its traditional log cabins, this contemporary home (previous pages and shown here) stands out while also blending in. Montana limestone that appears dry-stacked is a nod to tradition, but rendered in a nontraditional way. Blackened steel was used as an accent material to contrast with all the warm woods—Western red cedar, cherry, and vertical-grained fir. Instead of a typical wood-rod staircase, designers used wire mesh. *“We deliberately repressed all that sticky stuff of national park architecture,”* says project design architect Eric Logan of this butte residence in the Grand Tetons. Designer Timothy Macdonald mixed contemporary furniture and rugs that were significant to the owners along with custom pieces, all in serene tones that let the views take center stage. Abstract expressionist pieces by Sean Scully, Richard Diebenkorn, and other contemporary artists complete the look. ▷

