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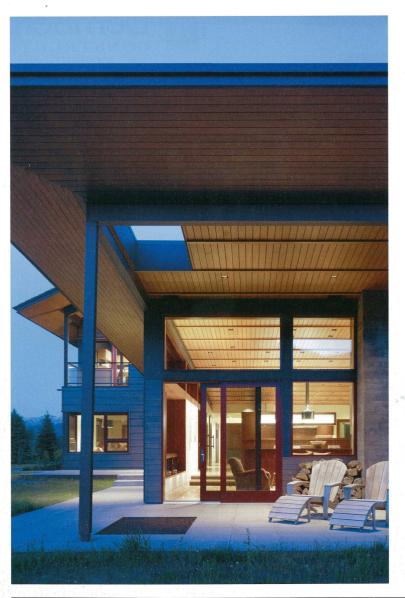
Denver, Colorado

CLB and interior designer Mauricio Salcedo were charged with designing a space that reflected both the opulence of a five-star establishment and the organic warmth of a mountain retreat. "The challenge was to combine an urban hotel with the locale of Denver and the mountains and to translate that into the character of the hotel," Salcedo says. "We needed to bring some of those more earthy elements into the design in a luxurious way."

Salcedo's team at Bilkey Llinas installed fireplaces and made ample use of stone and wood. With the help of Denver-based LewisGraham Art Consultants, the team brought in a collection of nearly 1,200 works of art, most of it from Colorado artists. Liz Graham, co-owner of LewisGraham, says the artwork was selected specifically to complement the design, which she calls "sleek and contemporary, with an organic feel."



Above: Four Seasons, Denver, photo by John Carney Below: Peaks View residence, photo by Matthew Millman



Peaks View Wilson, Wyoming

CLB needed to create a house that fit into a conservative neighborhood while satisfying the owners' penchant for modern rustic design. "They weren't looking for the typical Western house with log walls, small windows, and antler details," Logan says. "It needed to be unique to them, their family needs and desires."

He used two types of cedar siding to create pattern, texture, and depth on the exterior. Inside, he used an heirloom kimono, part of the family collection, to guide the design. "We made a conscious effort to find an appropriate place for it, and that really had a lot of influence on the way the interior detailing came together," Logan says.

The success of the project was due in part to the synergy between the team and the homeowners. "Custom home builders always , hope that they will work on a team where the artistic vision is not only well received, but encouraged," says Don Frank, president of Dembergh Construction. Frank worked with CLB on completing the Peaks View Residence. "These owners had a very clear idea of how the home should serve the family and worked with CLB to come up with an original design that was clean and functional."

