

A Modern Retreat on an Urban Street

This project was an evolving collaboration between architect, builder, landscape architect and owner, rivaled only by the collaboration of context and the built environment. The result is a seamless interplay between structure and garden that offers the homeowners a one-of-a-kind urban retreat.



The house was designed to preserve an old growth banyan tree, and opens into a courtyard with a preserved grand live oak. These irreplaceable canopies and complementary screening afford privacy from the busy adjacent street. Inside, views to the backyard beckon. A curvilinear sculpture garden contrasts with the home's strong architectural lines, echoed by the pool and guest house. A bold spine of sea grape abuts the pool, creating privacy and a soft backdrop for the surrounding decks. A kinetic sculpture anchors the axis between the two structures. Meandering paths lead to the event lawn, pollination garden, bird garden with preserved lychee tree, and through a canopy of color to the bocce court. A final whimsical sculpture punctuates this connected space. We are grateful to have been part of such a beautiful play of interior and exterior, structure and nature, and light and shadow.



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