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Inside this Crystal Bay, Nevada lakefront residence, Walton Architecture + Engineering has orchestrated a sophisticated renovation that redefines contemporary mountain living. The 5,611-square-foot home embraces minimalist modernism through carefully curated materials—European white oak, limestone, and cameo quartz—creating spaces where industrial precision meets organic warmth. Floor-to-ceiling glass dissolves boundaries between interior comfort and Lake Tahoe's dramatic natural beauty.



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LAKESIDE PRIA

A LAKESIDE SERENITY THAT MERGES ARCHITECTURE, EMOTION, AND STILL HORIZONS.

I obviously find it hard to gravitate away from sharing my love for lakeside homes. In a previous edition I mentioned that I was born and raised in a landlocked country, so it’s no surprise that water makes me feel like I’m in paradise. There is something about the gentle rhythm of a lake, the way it mirrors both the sky and the soul, that has always felt like a retreat in its purest form.

This particular home brought back vivid memories of past residences we’ve featured—each with its own dialogue between architecture, nature, and human experience. What I love most is that homes like these are never just about design; they are about a state of mind. They remind us that architecture has the ability to slow life down, to encourage presence, and to create spaces where both solitude and connection can flourish.

As you move through these pages, you’ll see more than stone, glass, and timber brought together beautifully. You’ll see a story of how contemporary living can harmonize with nature without overpowering it, how the lake becomes part of daily life, and how design finds balance in restraint.

In a way, this feature is not just about a house on Crystal Bay, but about what all homes should strive for—clarity, comfort, and a quiet sense of belonging. And for me, it is another reminder that even though I come from a land without lakes or oceans, the pull of water remains constant, calling me back to a place that feels like home.









STONEVA

MOODBOARD 132

STONE AND CONCRETE ANCHOR THE SCHEME, SOFTENED BY WARM TIMBER DETAILS.

The aesthetic DNA centers on refined minimalism where natural warmth meets industrial precision. European white oak creates the foundation—its honey-toned grain flowing across floors and custom millwork in seamless continuity. Limestone anchors the material palette with its subtle gray veining and matte finish, while cameo quartz surfaces reflect Lake Tahoe's shifting light. Steel detailing provides structural honesty through exposed beams and window frames, complemented by polished concrete that grounds the composition. The color story remains deliberately restrained: warm oak tones, cool limestone grays, crisp whites, and charcoal accents. Textures play against each other—smooth quartz meeting rough-hewn stone, silky wood contrasting industrial steel.



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ARCHITECTURE MEETS WATER

The evolution of a lakefront property rarely unfolds with such dramatic precision. Along the coveted shoreline of Crystal Bay, Nevada, what began as an ambitious renovation has emerged as one of Lake Tahoe's most compelling contemporary residences—a 5,611-square-foot masterpiece that challenges conventional notions of mountain architecture while honoring the region's natural grandeur.

Walton Architecture + Engineering approached this half-acre lakefront parcel with surgical precision, crafting a contemporary interpretation that seamlessly integrates with Crystal Bay's pristine landscape. The firm's reputation for thoughtful modernism finds full expression here, where clean lines and organic forms create a dialogue between built and natural environments. Rather than imposing upon the site, the residence appears to emerge from it—a philosophy that permeates every design decision from foundation to roofline.

The architectural vocabulary speaks fluent contemporary while maintaining regional relevance. European white oak flows throughout the interior spaces, its warm grain providing textural counterpoint to the cooler presence of limestone and steel. Cameo quartz surfaces catch and reflect the ever-changing light that filters through floor-to-ceiling glass walls, while concrete elements ground the composition with industrial honesty. These material choices represent more than aesthetic preferences; they constitute a carefully calibrated palette that responds to both Lake Tahoe's harsh climate and its spectacular beauty.

Central to the home's success is its radical transparency. The primary living level dissolves traditional boundaries between interior and exterior through operable glass walls that span the length of the great room. This isn't merely about views—though the 100 feet of prime shoreline certainly provide spectacular ones—but about creating a living environment that breathes with the landscape. During Tahoe's brief but glorious summers, these walls disappear entirely, transforming the residence into an elegant pavilion that extends seamlessly onto an expansive covered deck.

The open-plan great room anchors the home's social spaces, but Walton Architecture + Engineering understood that true luxury lies in choice. Beyond the dramatic public areas, the residence offers carefully choreographed spaces for solitude and reflection. Each of the five bedrooms occupies its own distinct relationship with the landscape, while five and a half baths provide spa-like retreats finished in the same sophisticated material palette that defines the common areas.

What distinguishes this renovation from typical lakefront projects is its restraint. Where many luxury properties compete with their surroundings, this residence defers to Crystal Bay's natural drama. The covered deck serves as both architectural element and outdoor room, its generous proportions providing shelter during mountain storms while framing lake views during clear weather.

This covered space represents contemporary mountain living at its most refined—outdoor dining and entertaining protected from the elements yet fully connected to the landscape.

The material execution throughout demonstrates exceptional attention to detail. Limestone surfaces transition seamlessly from interior to exterior applications, creating visual continuity that reinforces the home's integration with its site. European white oak appears in various applications—flooring, millwork, and cabinetry—each installation showcasing the wood's natural variation while maintaining design coherence. The contrast between these warm organic materials and the cooler industrial elements creates spaces that feel both sophisticated and approachable.

Technological integration enhances rather than dominates the living experience. Top-of-the-line appliances disappear into custom millwork, while systems for lighting, climate, and entertainment operate invisibly behind the scenes. This technological restraint allows the architecture and landscape to remain the primary focus, supporting contemporary lifestyle demands without compromising design integrity.

The property's water access represents a significant amenity in Crystal Bay's exclusive market. The shared deepwater pier accommodates serious watercraft while providing a sophisticated platform for lakefront recreation. Combined with 100 feet of private shoreline, the residence offers both intimate beach access and the infrastructure necessary for Lake Tahoe's boating culture.

Perhaps most remarkably, this renovation succeeds in creating a home that feels entirely contemporary while respecting Crystal Bay's unique character. The result challenges preconceptions about mountain architecture, proving that modernism and regional sensitivity need not be mutually exclusive. Walton Architecture + Engineering has delivered a residence that operates simultaneously as private sanctuary and architectural statement—a rare achievement in luxury real estate.

At 5,611 square feet across five bedrooms and five and a half baths, the residence provides generous space without excess. Each square foot serves a purpose, whether opening dramatic views, creating intimate gathering spaces, or simply allowing the landscape to flow through the home. This is contemporary design at its most confident—bold enough to make a statement, sophisticated enough to endure, and sensitive enough to honor one of Lake Tahoe's most coveted locations.

The transformation of this Crystal Bay property represents more than successful renovation; it demonstrates how thoughtful contemporary architecture can enhance rather than diminish extraordinary natural settings. The result is a residence that doesn't just occupy its site but celebrates it, creating a new standard for lakefront living in one of the Sierra Nevada's most prestigious enclaves.















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THE KITCHEN *EDIT*

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The kitchen operates as both culinary workspace and social hub, anchored by a dramatic waterfall-edge island in book-matched cameo quartz. Custom cabinetry in European dark oak maintains the home's material continuity while concealing top-tier appliances behind seamless panels. The backsplash features limestone in large-format tiles, their subtle texture catching light from the expansive windows that frame lake views during meal preparation.

Functionality drives every design decision: deep drawers with soft-close mechanisms, integrated lighting that eliminates shadows, and carefully planned sight lines that connect the kitchen to the great room's social spaces. The island's generous proportions accommodate both casual dining and serious cooking, while a secondary prep area ensures the main workspace remains uncluttered during entertaining.

Steel detailing appears in custom range hood fabrication and cabinet hardware, maintaining the home's industrial thread. Under-cabinet lighting highlights the limestone's natural variation, while pendant fixtures above the island provide task illumination and architectural punctuation in the open-plan space.

QUARIN

Waterfall edge cameo quartz island provides both drama and practical durability.

















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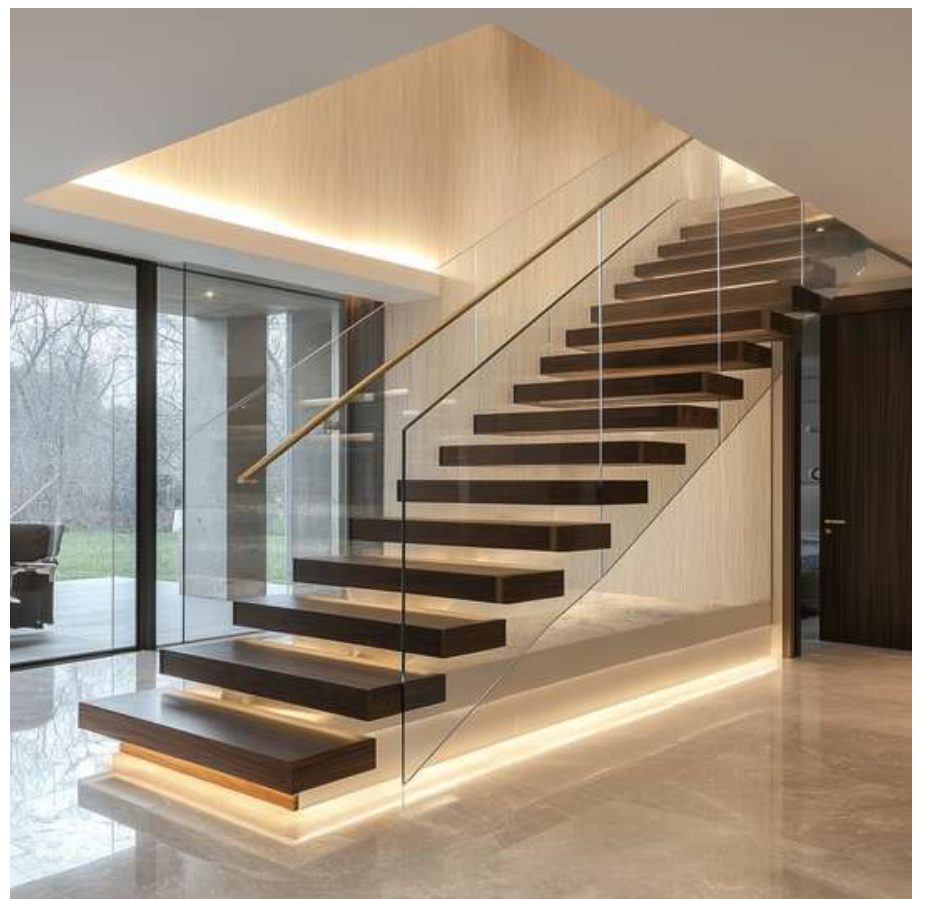
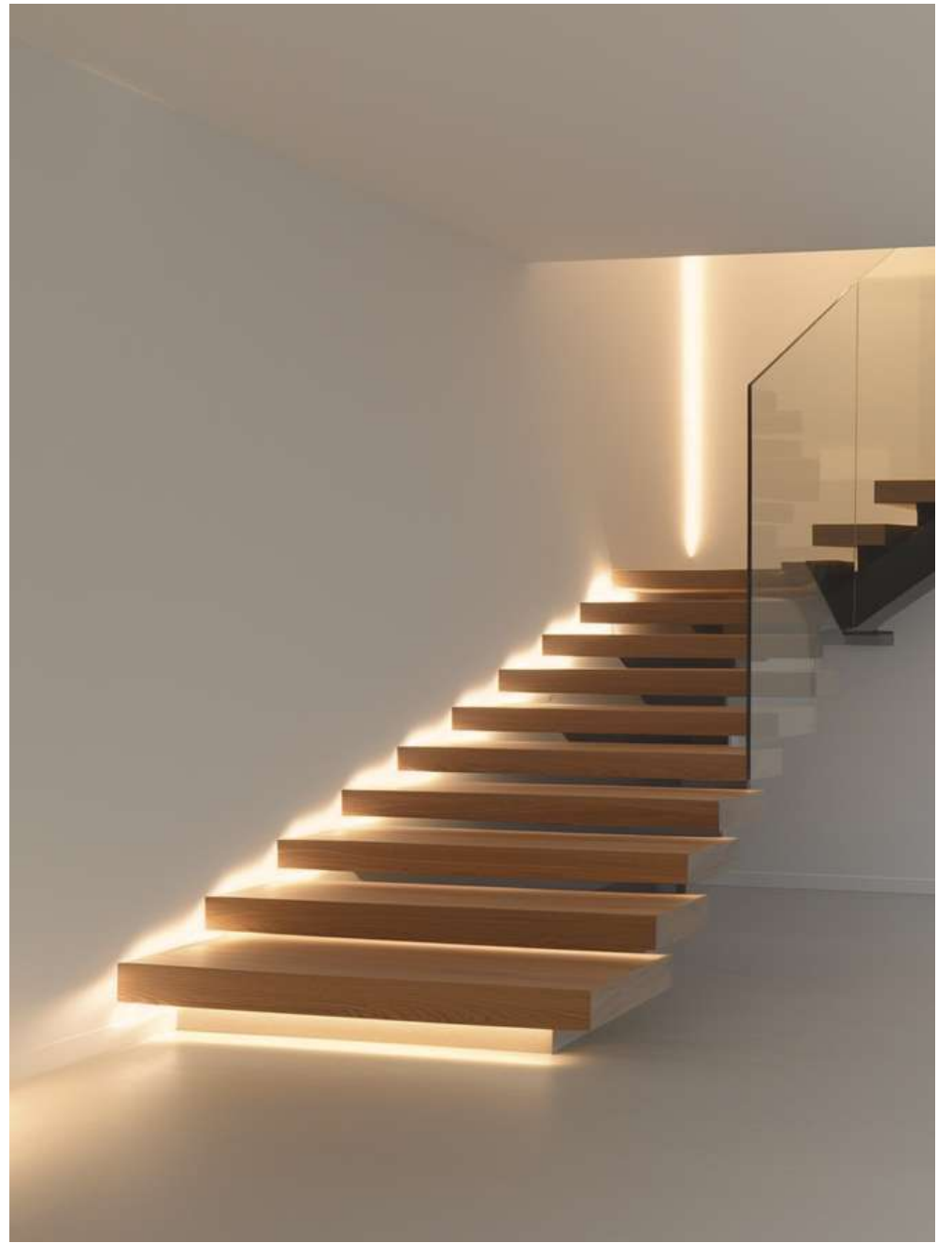






INSIDEMODE ASCENDRIA

The poetic act of climbing, framed in sleek, modern design.



Floating staircases have become a signature of modern architecture, embodying both art and function. This week's featured home showcases a sculptural staircase that appears to hover in space, its clean lines casting weightless shadows. Modern variations range from glass-tread stairs framed in steel, to warm timber planks anchored invisibly into walls, to minimalist concrete slabs that feel carved from air. Each style reflects the home's personality—sleek, organic, or industrial—while opening interiors to light and flow. More than a means of movement, today's floating staircase is a bold design statement, defining space with elegance and structural poetry.

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LIVINGSTYLE



FRENCH CLUB CHAIR

1930s Parisian Club Chair features pared down line-work with gently sloping arms.

NICKEY KEHOE

Luka Prijatelj's current project focuses on photography in its most elementary form, in relation to the historically significant moment of photography's conception.

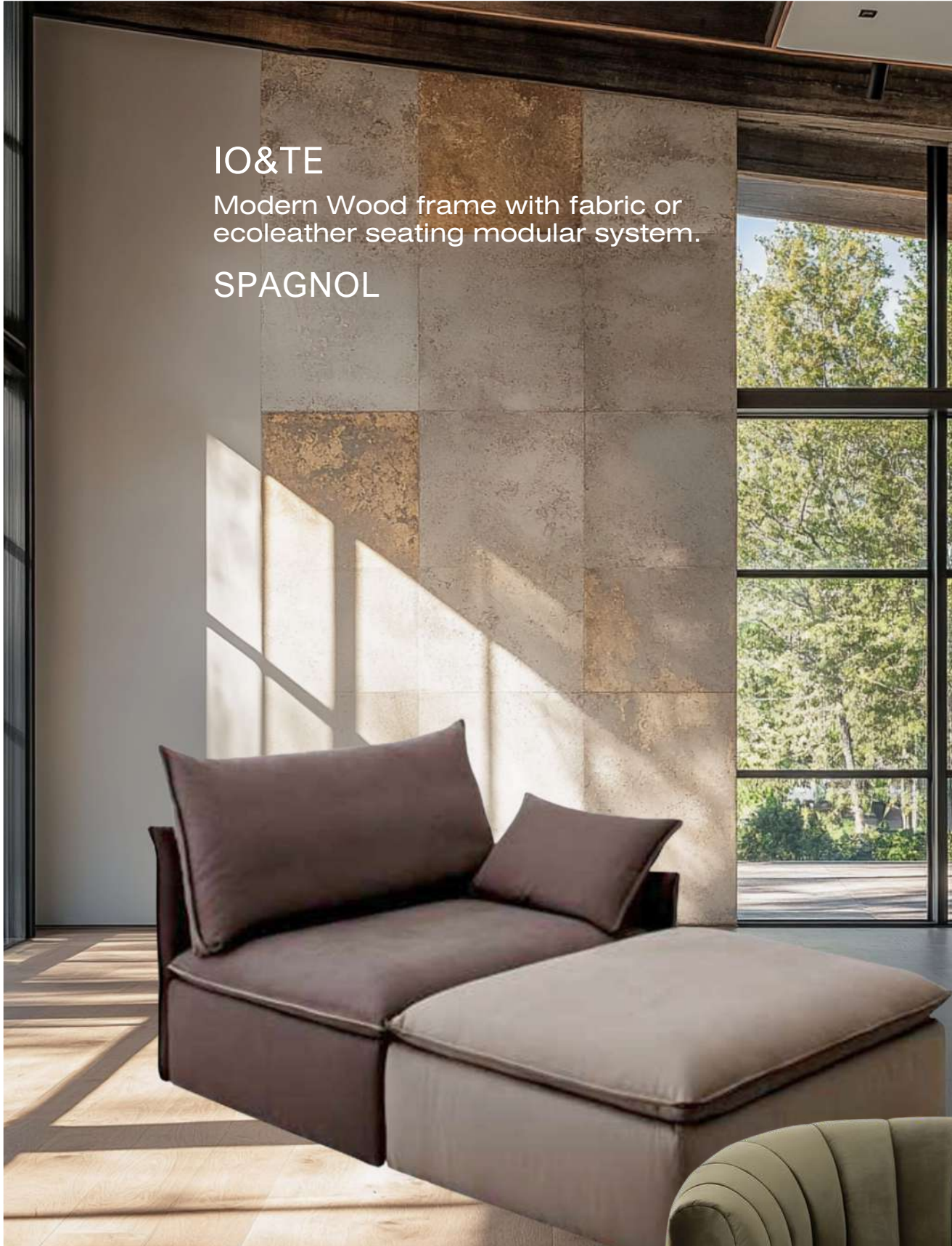


COBURN COFFEE TABLE

Modern minimalist Black Brushed Mango Wood coffee table.

LA CASE DE MARTHA

LOUNGESTYLE



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Modern Wood frame with fabric or ecoleather seating modular system.

SPAGNOL

Fiqa Boucle Olive colorway, featuring a smooth 360-degree swivel mechanism, making it a versatile addition to any space by **Four Hands**.

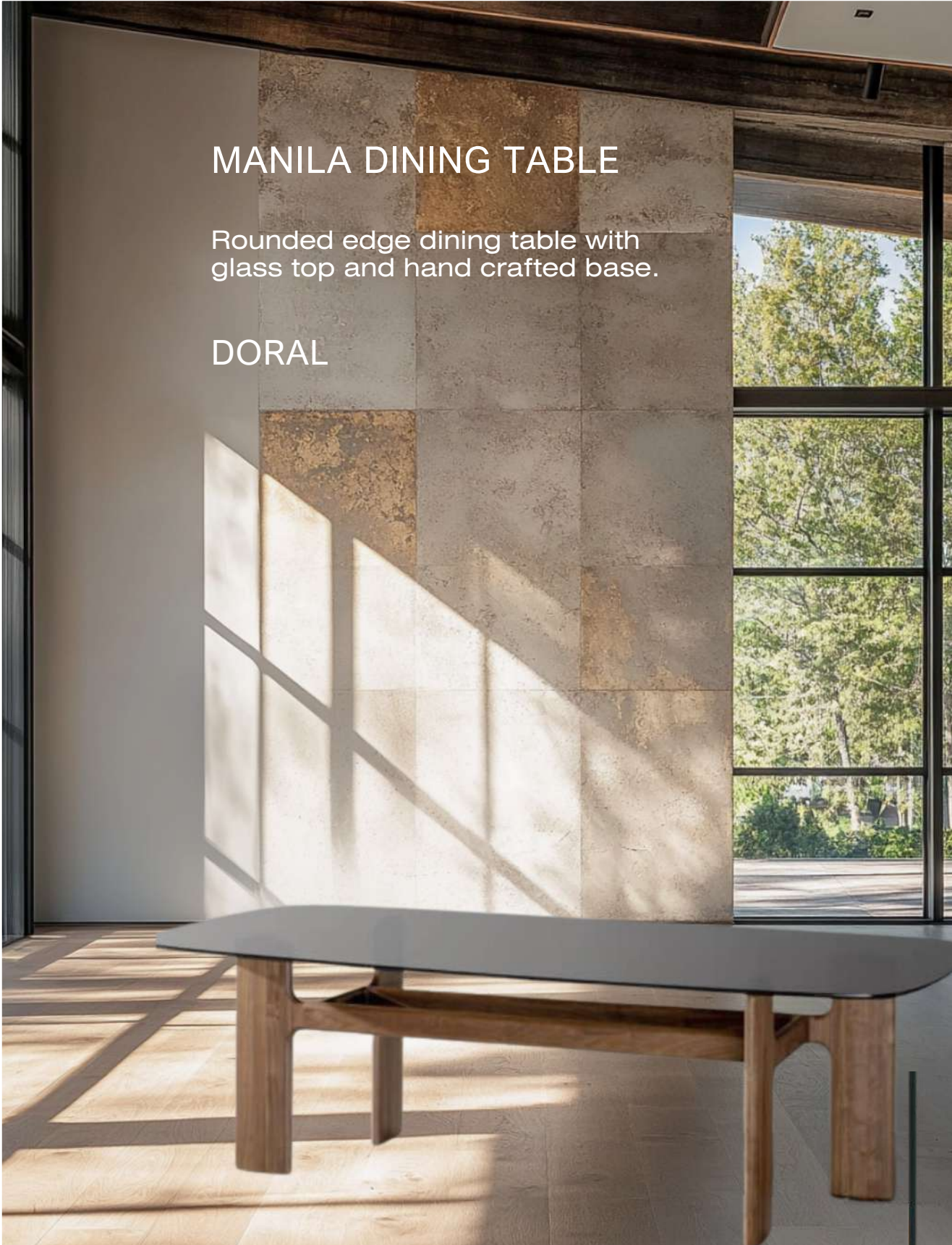


OVAL NEST

Sleek nesting design, oval wood tops for versatile, modern living.

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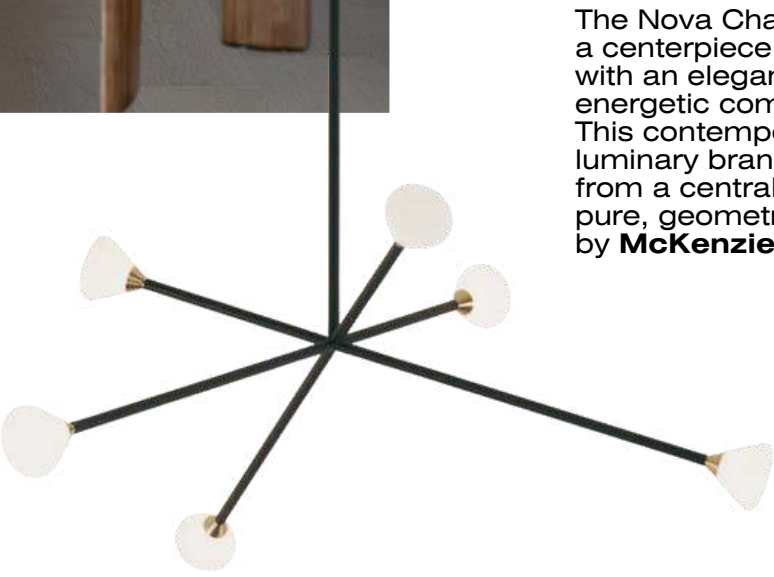
DININGSTYLE



MANILA DINING TABLE

Rounded edge dining table with glass top and hand crafted base.

DORAL



The Nova Chandelier is a centerpiece fixture with an elegant and energetic composition. This contemporary luminary branches out from a central point in a pure, geometric manner by **McKenzie & Keim**.

JAYLA DINING ARMCHAIR

Elegant woven seat with graceful wood frame, merging comfort and craft.

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KITCHENSTYLE



BADEN COUNTER STOOL

Sleek counter stool with tailored upholstery and slim, supportive frame.

LAYLA GRAYCE

Inspired by the notion that the moon is always full, **Alison Berger** created the Moon Pendant to change shape with the position of the viewer.

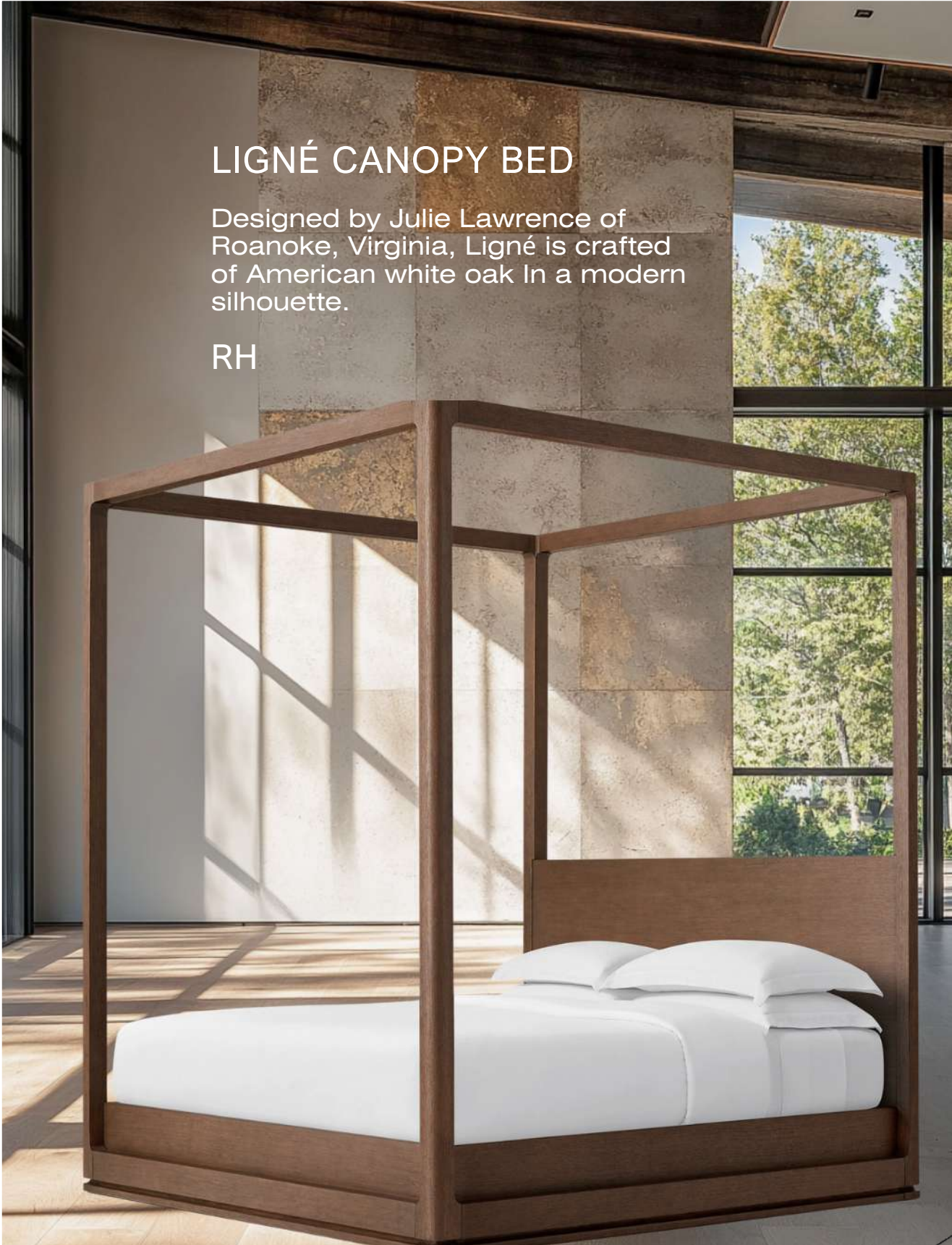


SC SHELVING UNIT

Minimal shelving unit blending function and form in modular composition.

SPAGNOL

BEDROOMSTYLE



LIGNÉ CANOPY BED

Designed by Julie Lawrence of Roanoke, Virginia, Ligné is crafted of American white oak In a modern silhouette.

RH

Ethereal ring of light, blending modern minimalism with luminous balance by **Roll & Hill**.



MORTEN SOFA

Designed with an organic shape and upholstered in cream bouclé, this opulent sofa complements both modern and traditional settings.

EICHHOLTZ

BATHROOMSTYLE



VIOLA BATH

Smooth oval silhouette, sculpted from solid surface for serene bathing.

RUVATI



Modern elegant faucet with All Lead-Free Brass Construction and rotating sprout by **Lily Brooklyn.**

BERTU PEDESTAL

Unique burnt-wood finish, crafted maple side table with sculptural presence.

BERTU

THE OUTDOOR *EDIT*

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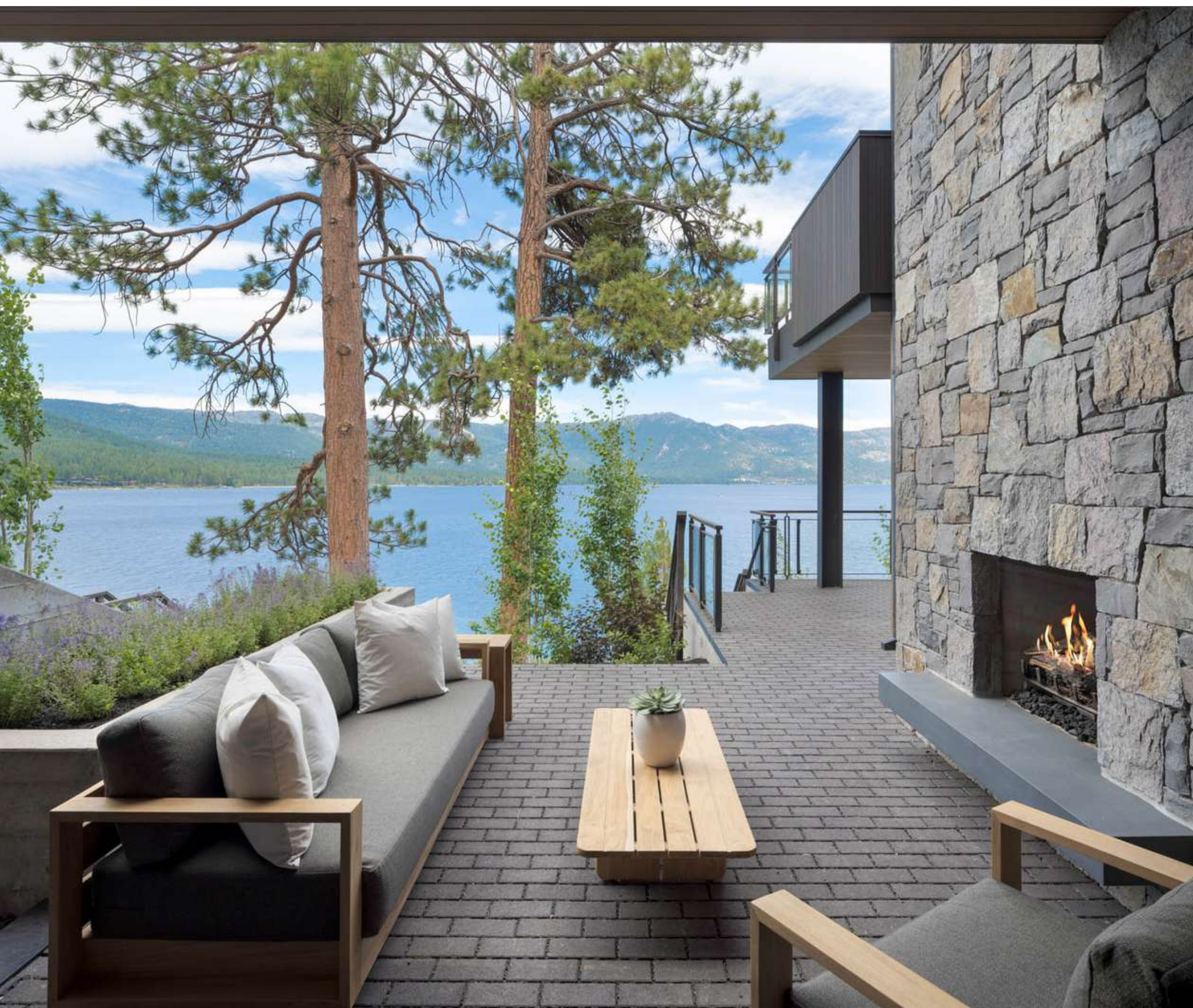
The outdoor spaces extend the home's sophisticated material palette into Crystal Bay's natural setting. The expansive covered deck features limestone flooring that flows seamlessly from interior spaces, creating visual continuity that blurs the threshold between inside and outside. Custom millwork in weather-resistant oak creates built-in seating and storage solutions that maintain the home's design coherence.

Landscaping embraces native plantings that require minimal irrigation while providing year-round interest. Manzanita specimens offer sculptural branch structure, while clusters of mountain lilac provide seasonal color. Ornamental grasses move with lake breezes, their texture complementing the home's clean lines without competing for attention.

The shared deepwater pier features contemporary railings in powder-coated steel, maintaining the residence's industrial thread while providing safety and functionality. Pathway lighting integrated into limestone steps guides movement between deck levels and shoreline access. Natural boulder placement along the waterfront creates informal seating while appearing to emerge organically from the lake's edge, reinforcing the home's integration with Crystal Bay's pristine landscape.

GRYNDALE

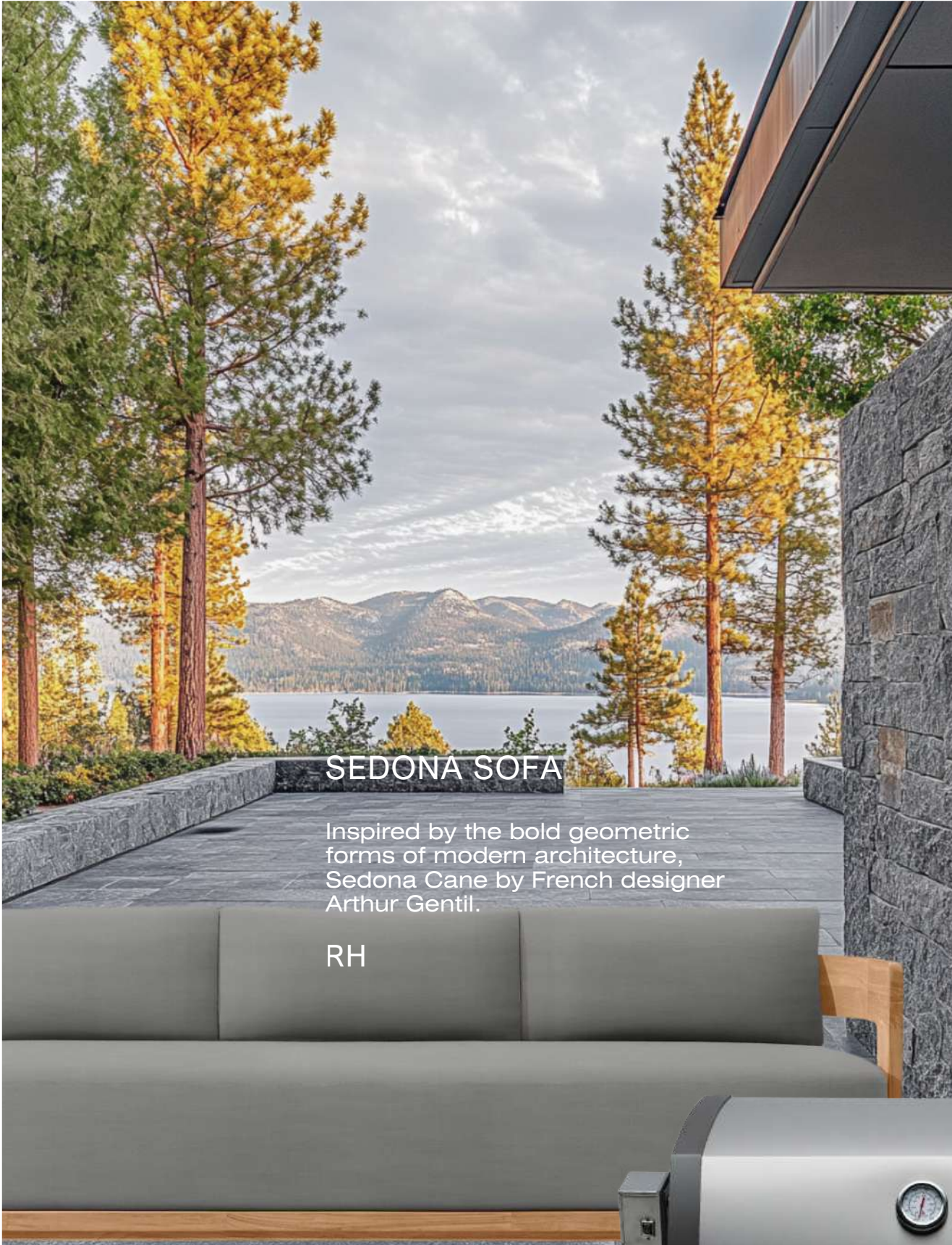
Natural stone paths negotiate level changes with minimal visual interruption.







OUTDOORSTYLE



SEDONA SOFA

Inspired by the bold geometric forms of modern architecture, Sedona Cane by French designer Arthur Gentil.

RH

Professional-grade grill with rotisserie kit, crafted for culinary excellence outdoor by **Mont Alpi**.



FREIJÓ TABLE

Outdoor table in freijó wood, blending resilience with timeless modernity.

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Design is a canvas, and the brush is in our hands. Every choice, every stroke shapes the direction, breathing life into spaces and products that tell a story. This is what inspires me—to create with intention, to craft environments that feel alive. For design communities worldwide, this is more than work; it's our shared narrative.

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