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VISION QUEST

A FAMILY'S WISH FOR A MODERN GETAWAY IN ASPEN LEADS TO A TREE HOUSE-LIKE ABODE THAT OFFERS SOARING VIEWS WHILE STAYING GROUNDED IN TEXTURE.

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ARCHITECTURE Tim Hagman and Kurt Carruth, Hagman Architects

INTERIOR DESIGN Michaele Dunsdon and Kristin Jensen, ID Interiors

HOME BUILDER Chris Passero, Heritage Builders Inc.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE Paul Finger, Columbine Landscape Service Co.

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Hagman Architects had a head start in being selected to design an Aspen getaway for a Denver couple and their two out-of-state sons. The firm's principal Tim Hagman and lead architect Kurt Carruth were connected with the owners through their real estate agent while they were still scoping out the property. But more than just timing, they had initiative. "We interviewed five architects," explains the older son, who drove the project on the family's end from his home base in Los Angeles. "Tim and Kurt spent the most time on their proposal. They were really passionate about the project, and they captured our vision for the home."

From the start, the owners had clear goals in mind. "We wanted a home that was modern, that integrated a rammed-earth wall and reflected elements of Colorado," says the son. The architects, keeping in mind the steep hillside site and the strict height limits that came along with it, interpreted that description by designing a minimalist structure that appears to be carved into the mountain on one side and float like a tree house on the other.



Architects Tim Hagman and Kurt Carruth designed an Aspen residence to have an open-plan living area, which interior designers Michael Dunsdon and Kristin Jensen appointed with A. Rudin sofas and a Poltrona Frau coffee table. *Opposite:* The custom front door was fabricated by Genesis Innovations.

