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Q+A with McLeod

How do you stay in the loop?

I was told early in my career to read at least 15 minutes every day, and I've held to that. My materials range from trade articles, *The New York Times*, the latest best seller, anything to keep my mind engaged in the outside world.

If you weren't an architect, what would you be?

I would be a veterinarian. I would love to work with animals.

What was one of your biggest career challenges?

Early on, my biggest challenge was meeting new clients. I looked so young, so I had to let my work speak for itself. Thankfully it did!

Her career-defining moment!

Growing up in Glacier National Park, I was inspired by the impressive lodge architecture integrated into the grand surroundings. My father recognized my interest in the built environment, fanning the flame throughout my childhood. My company grew out of the untimely passing of my mentor. At the urging of my clients, I was able to make the best out of an unfortunate situation. That was 12 years ago, and I've never looked back.

How McLeod makes it through the day ...

Caffeine and exercise. I couldn't get through my days without lattes. Also, a great workout or a fast-paced hike at the end of the day invigorates me and gets me ready to do it all over again the next day.



1. The clean lines, natural materials, and floor-to-ceiling windows of this mountain estate blend seamlessly into the surroundings. **2.** This ultimate Aspen retreat features a sophisticated poolside cabana with an infinity pool, heated patios and a putting green.

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JAMIE BREWSTER MCLEOD A typical workday for architect Jamie Brewster McLeod begins around 6 a.m., responding to client emails while enjoying her first cup of coffee. The rest of her 10- to 12-hour day encompasses client meetings, designing time, construction site meetings and more. It's a peek inside the life of an award-winning architect, whose boutique firm specializes in luxury residential design that melds organically within its mountain environ.

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