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LUXE ASKED FOUR COLORADO ARCHITECTS TO SHARE THE HOME DESIGN TRENDS THAT ARE ENERGIZING THEIR WORK.



“We currently have clients asking for less audio/visual technology and fewer televisions—one even asked for cell phone blockers to be installed in the house. Open floor plans remain on trend, but clients increasingly want intimate spaces that feel as cozy and welcoming when there are two guests as when there are 20. Because most of our projects are in fantastic natural settings, indoor-outdoor spaces are always in demand, as they allow our clients to integrate the natural surroundings into their daily lives.”

—JAMIE L. BREWSTER MCLEOD,
Brewster McLeod Architects

“Two factors drive most of the new custom-build checklists: First is downsizing required by baby boomers, who want smaller, more efficient entertaining spaces and open-plan indoor-outdoor spaces. Second are millennials, who require energy efficiency and ‘green-ness.’ The primary trend for both groups is lock-and-leave operation—they are extremely mobile and need to leave for travel or business at a moment’s notice. While away, they want technology that allows them to control their environment from afar.”

—JAMES D. NORDLIE,
Archiventure Group Architects

“The technological advances in home lighting, specifically LED, are markedly changing and improving the aesthetics and function of our lives and designs. Affordable, easily hidden, energy-efficient light sources with excellent color rendition can be used both indoors and out. When controlled with timers, dimmers and photocells, they are elevating and energizing our designs. Clients are requesting more home automation but also demanding that it be simple and user-friendly.”

—KAREN KEATING,
TKP Architects

“It’s amazing how things continue to evolve in the residential design world. For example, there are many new exterior cladding materials that were not accepted or widely available until recently. One of our favorites is Equitone’s fiber cement panels, which come in amazing patterns, sizes and colors. We’ve also been pushing the limits of technology by incorporating massive walls of glass with details like integrated operating motors and screens to make them as much about the view as possible.”

—KYLE WEBB,
KH Webb Architects

BLUEPRINT ST PAUL COLLECTION

It may come as a surprise that some of Denver’s hottest new addresses are for rent rather than for sale, but that’s the situation at the St Paul Collection (210 and 255 St Paul St.), a new pair of luxury residential towers located in the heart of the Cherry Creek North shopping district. Developed by BMC Investments and designed by 4240 Architecture and interior design firm Styleworks, the collection comprises 165 luxury rental residences including one-, two- and three-bedroom options, plus penthouses. Residents can enjoy top-notch details and finishes rarely found in local rental properties: window-walled living areas with 10-foot-high ceilings and adjacent private balconies; kitchens outfitted with Bosch or Thermador appliances, waterfall countertops and herringbone-patterned stone backsplashes; home-automation systems; and walk-in closets with built-in storage systems. The towers bring 55,000 square feet of ground-floor retail to the neighborhood, including CB2, SoulCycle and an outpost of the famed Upper East Side bistro Le Bilboquet. But the properties’ most coveted amenities are just for residents: glass-walled fitness centers, luxurious resident lounges, colorful art collections curated by Denver-based art advisory firm Nine dot Arts, 24/7 concierge services, and, up on each rooftop, a heated pool, hot tub, private cabanas, kitchen and a 360-degree view that rivals any in town. stpaulcollection.com



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