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# SEEKING SERENITY

*in Silicon Valley*

Award-winning builder Dave Maggetti conjures a crisp, contemporary home in Los Gatos with jaw-dropping views of the Santa Cruz Mountains.



An exquisite precast limestone floor extends from the great room straight out to the terrace and zero-edge infinity pool.

Just over a decade ago, Gentry caught up with Silicon Valley builder Dave Maggetti to cover the dream home he had built for his family in San Jose's Willow Glen. It was a marvelous project and Maggetti and his wife Heather were clearly in love with it. They even went so far as to call it their "forever home." All that changed, however, when a friend of Maggetti's told him about a hillside piece of property above Los Gatos. "It wasn't even on the market," recalls Maggetti. But after laying eyes on the marvelous plot of land (less than a mile from downtown Los Gatos), Maggetti knew he had to have it. He just needed to convince his wife. "It took some coaxing, but the view did most of the work for me," he grins.

The home on the hillside plot was a classic 70's-style ranch. "They had tried to do some creative things with the windows," notes Maggetti, "but ultimately, it was a tear down." The Maggettis worked closely with the team at Fuse Architecture in Santa Cruz and with designer Tamara Harmon, who worked on their former home, to create a new residence both contemporary and chic, and all about California living. Now, clean modernist lines all seek to frame expansive views of the Santa Clara Valley and its surrounding mountains.

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The project began, though, by creating a gradual driveway and spacious motor court. The next step was to take the existing structure down to the foundation and then to create a massive support structure for a zero-edge pool and deck that soar 20 feet into the air. That deck also runs flush through the home’s great room—creating a seamless transition between indoors and outdoors. Maggetti credits the artisans at Millbrook Stone in Los Gatos for their part in making the finished home look so good. “Their attention to detail on the fabricated limestone floors and deck was incredible,” he notes. “Modern architecture is unforgiving. You can’t conceal an uneven wall with a molding or floorboard. Everything has to align perfectly.”



All rooms in the home have daylight views through azure tinted glass windows and Fleetwood glass walls from Murray Window & Door Inc. while the glass walls pocket invisibly into the home’s structure.



One of Maggetti's greatest challenges was installing the 10 x 10-foot front steel door wrapped in walnut (this page). "Now that it's in," he relates, "we love it. It makes a strong statement about the home and its architecture." The kitchen features state-of-the-art stainless appliances, walnut cabinetry and Vetrazzo recycled glass counters topped by Italian glass pendant lights.



And speaking of perfect alignment, one of Maggetti's biggest challenges was crafting and installing the home's 10-foot-square front door. "It's 7 inches thick, weighs 3,000 pounds, and was custom made at a metal shop and then clad in walnut," he points out. "At first, I really didn't want to do it, but once it was finally installed, it was completely worth the challenge."

Another challenge came in the form of a sculptural statement wall that separates the great room from the foyer. Harmon sourced the undulating material, but had a creative vision for it to stop before it reached the ceiling. "The wall is meant to run from floor to ceiling for structural support," notes Maggetti. "In order to make it work here, we had to reinforce it with steel rods and create a steel frame." Harmon had that frame wrapped in walnut and she utilized the beautiful wood again in the kitchen cabinetry. To pair with the walnut, she used two shades of grey Vetrazzo recycled glass from Marble & Stone Solutions cut into a waterfall

effect on the counters. Murray Windows and Doors' seamless corner windows and sliding doors that pocket invisibly into the home's structure in the kitchen and great room further enhance the hypnotic beauty of the view.

On either side of the great room are bedroom wings. The master wing flows out onto the deck with two massive glass walls. A walnut accent wall features a contemporary floating gas fireplace. The spa-like space gets a jolt from both a dash of magenta on the ceiling and the Maggetti's contemporary art collection.

The Maggettis love to entertain and enjoy sharing their stunning new home with friends and family. Enjoying the pool and gazing at the valley as the sun sets is soothing, a view the couple can't imagine ever growing tired of . . . but, we'll check in with them in a few years to see if yet another property has swept them away.

(or . . . is calling their name.) ♦