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Lehman Residence

Location: Beverly Hills, California

Designer: Michael Marquez Architects, Inc.
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The Lehman (Roth) Residence, which was designed by Buff, Hensman & Associates in 1963, sits on a site overlooking Beverly Hills. The 2006 renovation was the result of the combined efforts of the owner and the architectural firms of Michael Marquez Architects, Inc. and Syndesis, who considered preserving the original concept of design vital to their remodel efforts.

Virtually every aspect of the original house was addressed in the renovation, including an entirely new master bedroom suite, a home office and a media room. The original metal hanging fireplace in the living room and steel entry stairs were completely rebuilt; however, the natural flow of the house was preserved, allowing for a seamless experience between the indoor and outdoor spaces. Additionally, the kitchen design was of major concern as a focal point to the entertainment value of the house. To make the space more welcoming and functional, the narrow, two-story volume kitchen, with 180 degree views from Downtown to the Pacific Ocean, was enhanced with a central island. The kitchen was then enriched with all of the conveniences of today's modern appliances and fixtures, new stained-oak cabinetry and paneling, and brushed stainless steel counters and finishes. Finally, a mirror was used as a backsplash on the north wall, suggesting an enlarged space.



Hotel Palomar

Location: Washington, D.C.

Designer: Cheryl Rowley Design

Website: www.cherylrowleydesign.com

Nestled along the Potomac River, the new Palomar Washington D.C.'s lobby welcomes guests with a myriad of architectural elements, including Italian Murano glass chandeliers, a geometric-patterned marble floor, and a wall of niches featuring an eclectic collection of objet d'art, a Palomar signature design element. From there, guests are invited into a highly stylized lounge area with deep-seated chairs and couches, a monolithic see-through fireplace, and a hand-tufted Nepalese wool rug.

Upstairs, the guest rooms create a contemporary sanctuary of streamlined style elements—from the bronze-and-sable alligator-pattern carpet to the taupe-and-gold pinstriped wall covering to the retro chaise lounge to the Kimpton bed. The upscale bathroom provides a soothing spa-inspired experience, featuring Dornbracht plumbing fittings, Bianco Perla Italian marble flooring, and granite stone vanity tops. Careful consideration was also given to the business traveler with the over-scaled maneuverable desk and conveniently located power outlets and data ports. In addition to two expandable Diplomat suites with private security quarters, the hotel offers suites that include spacious spa bathrooms with an attached parlor, a spa fitness suite with a connected private workout room, and two hospitality suites that can be converted into private meeting rooms.