

BEST LIVING ROOM//
EHRlich ARCHITECTS

This May, Ehrlich Architects will receive one of the field's highest honors, the 2015 AIA Architecture Firm Award. Since 1979, the L.A.-based firm has worked steadily to develop an internationally recognized oeuvre. Along the way, they have built a reputation for crafting structures, both residential and commercial, that blend California's unique expression of modernism with more vernacular elements. The recently completed McElroy Residence, commissioned by a young Laguna Beach family, embodies the firm's ethos. A flat roofline floats gracefully above rooms illuminated by natural light. The living area, which opens to the exterior via retractable glass walls, is the ultimate expression of California indoor-outdoor living. *10865 Washington Blvd., Culver City, 310.838.9700, ehrlicharchitects.com*



LIVING WITH STYLE
Architect Steven Ehrlich, working with partner Takashi Yanai, created an incomparable family home in Laguna Beach.

BEST DINING ROOM//
HARTE BROWNLEE & ASSOCIATES

For the dining room of a 12,000-square-foot home situated in Pelican Point in Newport Beach, designer Sheldon Harte pulled out all the stops. "The owner, a fashion executive, wanted a traditional, classic house with European charm," says Harte, who founded Harte Brownlee & Associates in 1984 with the late John Brownlee. The designer mixed custom-designed grillwork, select antique pieces and luxurious new furnishings and fabrics for "a tailored look" in keeping with his client's sartorial style. "The room is elegant, not opulent," he adds, "with dashes of formality and whimsy." Based in Laguna Beach, Harte also keeps offices in San Francisco and Palm Springs. *962 Glenneyre St., Laguna Beach, 949.494.8343, hartebrownlee.com*

OLD WORLD ELAN Designer Sheldon Harte upped the ante on traditional style for a fashion executive's showpiece home in Newport Beach.



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