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## MODERN ESTATE

WINNERS: DALE GARDON DESIGN,  
SALCITO CUSTOM HOMES, SALCITO  
DESIGN GROUP, BERGHOFF DESIGN GROUP

# MOVING MOUNTAINS

TAKING CUES FROM ITS MAJESTIC SETTING, A  
NEW MEDITERRANEAN MANSE BROUGHT OUT THE  
BEST FROM A NUMBER OF TOP VALLEY TALENTS.

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Nestled in the natural terrain with panoramic views of the valley to the southwest and the McDowell Mountain surrounds to the northeast, this stunning home by Salcito Custom Homes, Salcito Design Group, Dale Gordon Design and Berghoff Design Group features a subtle greige stucco exterior with light cream limestone accents to compliment the desert backdrop.




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**MODERN  
HOME OF  
THE YEAR  
WINNER**

With so many magnificent homes dotted throughout Scottsdale, selecting the winner in this category—and the Modern Home of the Year contest winner—was no easy feat. However, this new 12,000-square-foot beauty built by Salcito Custom Homes in The Summit at Silverleaf is so magnificent that it virtually demanded the crown. “The home was strategically set in a very prominent hillside saddle to be ‘nestled’ into the natural terrain,” explains the project’s architect, Dale Gardon of Dale Gardon Design. “The formal Mediterranean character is reminiscent of other beautiful estates around the world with similarly stunning natural settings.”

Working with Gardon and award-winning landscape designer Jeff Berghoff of Berghoff Design Group, builder Anthony Salcito says he knew the “dream team” would exceed his client’s expectations. Yet once Rebecca Salcito, Anthony’s wife and one of the lead designers at Salcito Design Group got involved, she took the project to the next level. “The interior design is a perfect marriage of traditional superstructure and contemporary details,” she says. “Every space has a unique feel to it while still flowing with the overall theme. Vibrant accents of color, layers of soft white Venetian plaster, and incredible views of the surrounding desert landscape make this home a modern Mediterranean jewel.”

From the dramatic entry foyer with its brass and marble details inset into the wooden floors, to the wine lounge, with its LED-lit racking system and custom-colored ombre drapes by British-born artisan Rosemary Hallgarten, no details were spared. Prepping the canvas began with Artitalia European oak wood flooring and wallcoverings



A custom Kyle Bunting Bloom rug handcrafted from individual pieces of hide grounds the formal living room, where Gregorius Pineo's Dupre sofa and lounge chairs surround Jiun Ho's Tambobamba modular polygonal nesting table set.



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The main foyer boasts Artitalia wood flooring with brass metal accents and black marble insets. The Atelier wallcovering is hand-sculpted and embellished with 23-karat gold and white gold.



from brands including MJ Atelier, which provided a hand-sculpted product embellished with 23-karat gold and white gold. Rebecca also saw that marble fireplaces with unique flair were included, along with light fixtures ranging from the appropriately named Midas Grand Tier from Fisher Weisman Collection to glass pendants from Joseph Pagano. “The house is large, but it has so much warmth,” she says.

Regarding the kitchen, which leans slightly modern, Rebecca explains, “The goal here was [to create] a clean space with little to no ability to view appliances.” She made it happen by concealing most machinery behind cabinets, then chose Macchia Vecchia for

Clockwise from top: The piano lounge is bordered by a see-through wine cellar with an Italian glass window and door system. The wine cellar separates the piano lounge from the main stairway; Elisit’s Flower Power wallcovering lines the walls in the second primary bedroom vestibule; an Ebanista chair in the primary home office is hand-carved with an upholstered fur seat and arm rests. Wire-brushed oak stained millwork paneling adds texture and warmth to the cozy, elegant space.





In the moody office, Konekt Thing stools with hand-stitched upholstered tops, metal accents and horsehair skirts sit in front of a Jiu Ho Montresor desk.

the countertops and backsplashes: “The tones in the marble and the beige stainless steel Bulthaup cabinetry set the stage for the warmth and colors selected for the furnishings and fabric in the living room.”

Since the client wanted to introduce a bright color into the living room, Rebecca suggested a custom floral Kyle Bunting rug with special meaning. “The client told me about these beautiful yellow flowers they had in a meadow on a ranch that they owned in

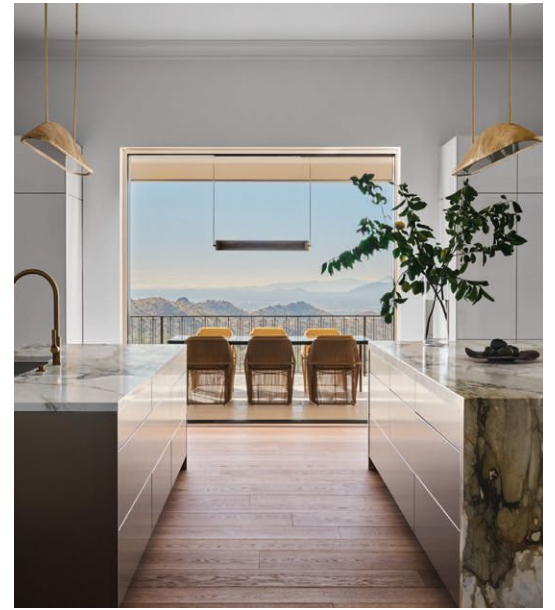
the past that she absolutely loved,” she explains. When it came to the primary bedroom and sitting room, however, the designer leaned toward tone-on-tone textural wall coverings and fabrics, including a Quintus Luca bed upholstered in 100% wool boucle.

Combining the interiors with the striking landscape and awe-inspiring architecture, it is apparent no stone was left unturned. “Every space feels like a glamorous hug,” Rebecca says. “Luxurious, yet comfortable and practical. ■



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Clockwise from left: A Luc Gensolen for Charles Paris Bubble chandelier tops a Gregorious Pineo Gustave table and Swinton chairs in the dining room; stunning views from the kitchen; the kitchen blends Macchia Vecchia marble and Bulthaup cabinetry beautifully.





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From left: The primary bedroom features layers of tone-on-tone textural wall coverings and fabric, and a Calacatta Vagli marble fireplace. "The key design concept for the room was in keeping with the theme for the entire house," says designer Rebecca Salcito; the Juliet tub by MTI takes centerstage in the light and airy primary bathroom, where Waterworks Arabescato honed marble floors preside.



## DESIGN DETAILS

### TYPE

Single-family home

### LOCATION

Scottsdale

### ARCHITECTURE

Dale Gardon Design  
dalegardondesign.com

### BUILDER

Salcito Custom Homes  
salcito.com

### INTERIOR DESIGN

Salcito Design Group  
salcito.com

### LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

Berghoff Design Group  
berghoffdesign.com

## RESOURCES

### ANN SACKS

Living room ceramic tile  
annsacks.com

### BULTHAUP

Kitchen cabinetry  
bulthaup.com

### EBANISTA

Dining table sculpture, office side chair  
ebanista.com

### ELITIS

Primary bedroom wallpaper  
elitis.fr

### GREGORIUS PINEO

Dining table and chairs, living room sofa and lounge chairs, breakfast table  
gregoriuspineo.com

### HOLLY HUNT

Primary bedroom swivel chair  
hollyhunt.com

### JIUN HO

Living room nesting tables, office desk  
jiunho.com

### JOSEPH PAGANO STUDIOS

Bar pendant lights  
josephpagano.com

### KYLE BUNTING

Rugs throughout  
kylebunting.com

### LAROSE GUYON

Primary bedroom chandeliers  
laroseguyon.com

### QUINTUS

Primary bedroom bed  
quintushome.com

### SUB-ZERO, WOLF & COVE

Kitchen appliances  
subzero-wolf.com

### THOMAS NEWMAN STUDIO

Living room wood lighting fixture  
thomasnewmanstudio.com