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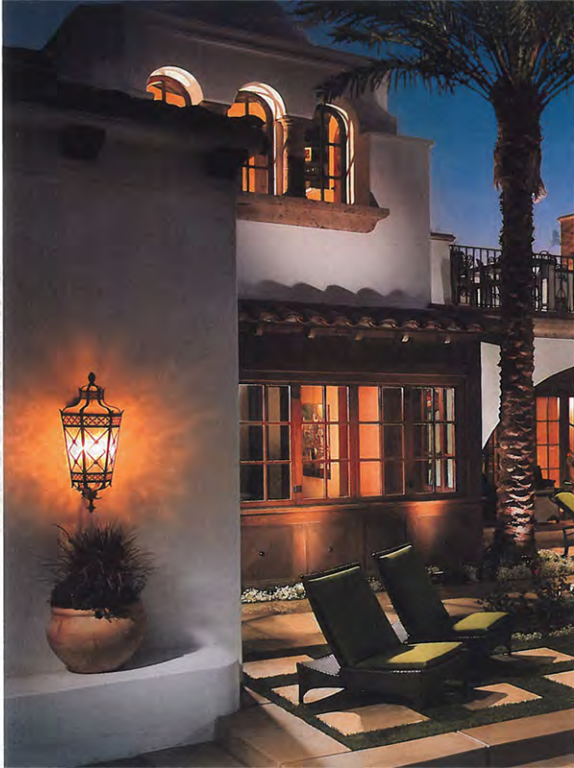
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HOLLY HULBURD

Hulburd Design Inc.

A native New Englander turned San Franciscan, Holly Hulburd is a designer with a powerful combination of academic and creative training. Early in her career, Holly was a professional designer and weaver of textiles; she produced original pieces while also practicing interior design and architecture in addition to teaching design theory. She moved on to complete the rigorous architectural program at the University of Pennsylvania, then relocated to San Francisco and opened Hulburd Design in 1983. One of the Bay Area's top custom residential-commercial design firms, HD extends its reach to exclusive homes in urban Los Angeles, Sun Valley and New York City. Notable



projects from the firm's vast portfolio have been regularly published in *Architectural Digest*, *Dwell* and *Metropolitan Home*, to name a few.

Applying the principles of structure, pattern, texture, simplicity and coherence, Holly creates custom residential architecture and interior environments that are warm, intelligent spaces with a distinct modern aesthetic. The studio is housed in a 3,000-square-foot space within a historic building in the Mission District that has been reinterpreted with a thoroughly modern attitude. She transformed the time-worn factory space—once a tall ship sail manufacturing company—into a light-filled loft for her team of architects and interior designers. This is where concepts are born and designs are raised into impeccable construction plans. Her diverse and talented team of architects, interior designers and construction project managers are a tight-knit crew who collaborate in a haven of mutual respect. The experienced staff all share similar design philosophies and convictions that combine with varied backgrounds to form a unique association. In addition, an established network of expert tradespeople, artisans and consultants are involved on every project as a natural extension of the core team.



TOP LEFT:

Redwood siding elements continue from the contemporary interior to the exterior of the residence. A large, telescoping glass pocket door opens up the entry transition space to allow circulation into the rear courtyard.

Photograph by Cesar Rubio

BOTTOM LEFT:

An extensive remodel of a Mansard-style home meets the needs of a young family by allowing light and color to define its space instead of walls. Bamboo, satinwood, painted wood, stainless steel and stone combine playfully while creating depth.

Photograph by Tim Griffin

Hulburd Design wisely integrates custom architecture and interior design disciplines, which has become the firm's hallmark. They view each project as a unified composition of color, form and line translated into three-dimensional design. An award-winning firm for nearly 30 years, the studio's first high-profile commission was a Park Avenue residence; Holly became known for consistently creating a cohesive flow in residential spaces through a uniform design vision and vocabulary. The firm's body of work exhibits a sophisticated approach that is abstract and defined by internal structure and form, characterized as simple and sometimes spare, but never cold and always with great attention to detail. Each member of the studio team understands that even the slightest adjustment makes all of the difference; through minute details and artful use of materials, a minimalist living space becomes inviting and appropriate.

Holly has always appreciated quintessential California architecture where visual harmony exists between the exterior and interior; she adeptly uses glass elements and pathways to connect these spaces. Her contemporary aesthetic sense is clear, yet she never over reaches with her modernist bent. Honoring the architect-client relationship, Holly's well-informed clientele have become lifelong friends, which is an immeasurable reward for following her life's passion.

TOP RIGHT

Sleekness personified, the kitchen exudes a clean, modernist aura while remaining informal and also embraces the outdoor view through large sliding glass doors.
Photograph by César Rubio

BOTTOM RIGHT

Hulburd Design has expertise in creating spare, yet inviting interiors and architecture, exemplified in a modest San Francisco rooftop space.
Photograph by Tim Gillfish

