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Cornelio, Silver Award, Custom Home

By Stacey Freed | August 27, 2018



The living room of the Cornelio Residence borrows light from the adjacent master suite by means of a large sliding wall between the two rooms.

Cornelio Laguna Beach, Calif.

Entrant/Architect/Interior designer: [Anders Lasater Architects](#)

Builder: [Stipe Development](#)

Landscape architect: [The LA Studio](#)

Photographer: [Chad Mellon Photography](#)

Size: 2,900 sf

Hard cost, excluding land: \$1.2 million (est.)

Completion: January 2017

There were several challenges in designing this home for a family that ultimately wants to return to its native California when they retire from working in Wisconsin. The response to those challenges was, the judges said, judges found an innovative solution.

Located on a narrow corner lot exposed to streets on both sides, the main floor needed to be secure, solid, and private, and the upper floors to be lighter and more transparent, says Anders Lasater, president of Anders Lasater Architects. The family also wanted a home that fit a carefree lifestyle, and that included an easily accessible in-law suite.

Ultimately, the architects created an “upside down” house with a garage, entry, laundry, den, and “grandma suite” on the main level. Upstairs is an open plan that includes the kitchen, dining room, living room, master bedroom, master suite, and two outdoor decks. The living room borrows light from the master suite via a large sliding wall between the two rooms. The jury praised that cool feature as well as the outdoor cooking area, which feels secluded despite the home’s location.

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