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BLUEPRINT FOR DESIGN

Decorated architect Robert Hidey talks inspiration, past projects and what's in store for Southern California architecture.

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Architect Robert Hidey (roberthidey.com) is not in it for the accolades. Although he just nabbed two Grand Awards at this year's prestigious Golden Nugget Awards, he'd rather be recognized for all of the timeless properties he's created over the past 32 years—from courtyard homes to posh resorts like Newport Beach's Pelican Hill. Here's how he and his Irvine-based firm are redefining local design.

Why did you choose to go into residential architecture? I grew up in an amazing Southern California community called Palos Verdes Estates that was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted in the '20s. It has huge appeal and holds high value ratios. I kept thinking, 'Why isn't that heritage, that architectural quality, being recognized and borrowed from?' I decided I would try to do it.

What design styles do you think best fit this region? There's a rich range of styles that perform well with the climate, and they promote a connection to the outdoors. These are usually courtyard-configured and have alternative outdoor use areas. ... You can do that on a very small lot and have complete privacy.

And what styles do you personally like to work in? Mediterranean, California bungalow and



CLASSIC DESIGN

From top: O.C. architect Robert Hidey has been awarded with countless honors, including induction into the S. Marvin Hall of Fame for Design Excellence; the kitchen at a home in Lambert Ranch, a Hidey property, is spacious, elegant and perfect for entertaining; the bungalows at The Resort at Pelican Hill are exquisitely designed with stunning Pacific views.



contemporary. Interiors are moving toward being more transitional and modern.

What are some of the biggest requests that clients are asking for? Big glass walls that open up, mud rooms, guesthouses, covered outdoor areas with full-blown kitchens and flexible spaces, big kitchen islands, secondary bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms and walk-in closets, and wine storage.

In your expert opinion, what does the future hold for California design? The second generation of housing moving across Southern California will require a broad range of unique solutions because of density. So, I think we'll see multistory flats being built. ... What's coming is a whole range of high-density housing solutions that will try to respond to these challenges.