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Time-tested elements plus inventive thinking make for new and imaginative ways to attract buyers

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While it can be a challenge to describe the style of a home, the term “contemporary” seems especially ambiguous. For some of us, it refers to a house with a sloped roof and lots of glass; something that just doesn’t fit any of the traditional style categories. By definition, the word contemporary means of the present time. For architecture, this may be expanded to refer to homes that are presently

being designed and built with materials and spaces that expand the limits of our design perceptions. The following projects range from townhouses to a single-family home built from shipping containers. Each combines the time-tested elements of scale and proportion with innovative exterior materials and functional interior spaces to create what are possibly some of the most exciting homes we’ve ever featured in House Review. Let us know what you think.



MARLOWE

Marlowe is designed to appeal to tech and entertainment professionals who are drawn to modern architecture. It's situated in the new heart of Playa Vista, Calif., surrounded by a walkable mixed-use environment of retail, commercial, and entertainment, and is a bit more than a mile from the beach. The home's generous footprint provides comfortable great-room living on the first floor with access to a patio for relaxing, barbecuing, and entertaining. An angled floor plan allows for substantial glazing on all sides of the building, offering a light-filled, contemporary residence with dramatic city views from second-floor balconies off the master suite and a covered deck on the third floor.

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PLAN SIZE

Width: 35 feet
Depth: 81 feet
Living area: 3,147 sf



- A** A spacious entry leads to an expansive great room
- B** Sliding pocket doors connect the dining room and great room to the ample side-yard patio
- C** Alley-loaded, two-car garage with adjacent guest parking connects to the kitchen
- D** Master suite with covered outdoor deck includes a master bath with soaking tub, walk-in shower, and large walk-in closet
- E** Bedrooms 2 and 3 share a bath with a double sink and tub; the laundry is located on the bedroom level
- F** A generous covered rooftop deck offers city views and outdoor living space
- G** Sliding pocket doors with a 15-foot-long opening are standard. They link the deck to the bonus room, which can be used as a yoga or art studio, family room, or fifth bedroom
- H** Creative office space is optional and may be replaced by bedroom 4

