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THE EVOLUTION OF OUTDOOR LIVING



As architects working in some of the world's most spectacular locations, Harrison Design Associates is known for creating beautiful spaces for indoor and outdoor living. From loggias and pergolas, to pool cabanas and guesthouses, outdoor structures are an increasingly important extension of the homeowner's lifestyle experience. While they frequently have a personality of their own, outdoor spaces should always strike a proper

rhythm and balance between the main home and the natural environment. Harrison Design Associates is seeing a tremendous evolution in the complexity of out-buildings and ancillary structures. Many successful designs draw inspiration from the main house, not only in the style and materials, but also in the level of sophistication. Even if a building is separated from the house by a small distance, clients want to be able to cook outside and entertain guests without the in-



ruption of having to walk back to the main house. In the past, pool cabanas and boathouses might provide a covered seating area, small bathroom and storage. Today, beautifully appointed living rooms and kitchens with refrigerators and warming drawers are becoming the standard.

Outdoor spaces that may once have been purely utilitarian are now prime opportunities for entertaining and artistic expression. Whether you are planning a new house with a full complement of outdoor spaces or simply adding a small structure to your existing landscape, it is important to work with a knowledgeable design firm that can create outdoor spaces that enhance your lifestyle and your home.

Repetition of exterior materials and details is also an important technique in uniting multiple structures on a site. The beauty of a home's hand-forged iron gates and railing can be playfully reinterpreted in a freestanding gazebo. The traditional stone walls and slate roof of an English manor home are just as lovely on the home's adjacent pool cabana.

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