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# AWE-INSPIRING

Gorgeous outdoor panoramas and welcoming interior spaces awaited visitors to The New American Home 2016 (TNAH) in Las Vegas. Each year TNAH is built to serve as a showcase of the hottest new products, innovative construction methods and the latest design trends to educate and inspire remodelers, builders and designers who attend the International Builders Show in January.

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## OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY STORY: Constructing the Elements for Success



There is no quick and easy formula for long-lasting success. Since 1996, Atlanta Design & Build has persevered through good times and bad, pressing forward to

a strong future with Dale Contant, principal owner, as the driving force behind the company's success.

Starting from his childhood days working in South Florida at his contractor dad's side, Dale developed the work ethic and attitude that has remained his business philosophy, **"Do the Right Thing for Both Clients and Yourself"**. Experience as a home-builder, masonry subcontractor, and insurance representative provided hands-on training and real-world education which further developed the foundation for his future.

While selling sunrooms for a company in Georgia, Dale realized he could do just as well or better working for himself. He recalls, "I saw a need in the Atlanta market for a trustworthy remodeling company." In 1996, this realization spurred him and co-worker/friend, Mike Pike, to found

Sun-Fun Remodeling, Inc. Dale took the lead as the face of the company encompassing a more comprehensive approach including elements of design and architecture.

Through the next several years, Dale called on the expertise of others to continue gaining experience, input and wisdom. As an active member of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI), he and several team members earned credentials through educational programs. He also participated in Remodeler's Advantage Roundtable, an industry think-tank of professional remodelers across the nation, and hired consultants as Dale states "to help us...so we could improve on all the intricacies of the business." All of these opportunities contributed to growth and progress.

As Sun-Fun and its processes evolved so did the scale of projects contracted. "As we received calls for more extensive renovation projects, we decided to change our name to Atlanta Design & Build to better represent who we had become", Dale says.

In some ways, ADB was better prepared to survive the 2009 economic downturn

than the average company, but it was not a painless process. Once the dust settled and the economy began to recover, Atlanta Design & Build was still in one piece.

Dale's commitment to raise the level of professionalism homeowners can expect when contracting a remodeler has culminated in his serving as a national officer of NARI since 2013 and as **National President** for the 2016-2017 year.

The ADB team's commitment for **"Doing the Right Thing"** is reflected in client surveys conducted by GuildQuality. "We are especially honored to have repeatedly received annual 'Guild Master' recognition due to the satisfaction and trust evidenced by our clients' recommending our company to others." says Dale.

Based on the firm foundation of the past 20 years and the current strength of the company, the ADB team is moving forward with great expectations for future success. With a fresh new logo, a new office location and solid team growth, Atlanta Design & Build will continue to exhibit professionalism, deliver inspiring design and be a premier company with which to do business. ■

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Best of  
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The design team wanted to harmonize the color palette of the home with its surrounding organic topography that is covered with beautiful dark rocks. Using actual samples of hillside rocks they developed a stone veneer that matches both color and texture. The veneer was used extensively, flowing seamlessly throughout the home from the exterior to the interior spaces. The home looks as if it is emerging from the ridge on which it was built.

Another important element of the home is the extensive use of full-height glass that takes advantage of the amazing views. The majority of glass is north and east-facing to avoid excessive heat from the sun. The glass features an advanced LoE coating that blocks the transfer of heat and cold. Where there is south or west-facing glass, it was designed with large overhangs to minimize the exposure to harsh direct sunlight.

This year's home features common gathering spaces centered among several private living areas. The plan was designed to fit the needs of a wide array of possible homeowners—from empty-nesters, to families, to people who love to entertain.

The open plan layout of the kitchen, adjacent living area and outdoor living spaces displays very smooth, clean

lines. A balance was achieved of sustainable materials, including the cabinetry that meets the strict CARB II formaldehyde emission standards. Texture is brought in via the tile on the backsplash, as well as the textured finish in Kona on the perimeter cabinetry. Warmth is created through the lovely marble stone that is used to clad the ventilation system, and the Linear Bronze finish on the island cabinetry that adds reflectance.

For the furnishings, a myriad of rich, warm colors were used to counterbalance the strong dark influence of the rock. These colors were layered with many shades of neutral taupes. Strong accent colors of orange and turquoise were inspired by the stunning sunsets with the backdrop of the lighted Vegas strip in the distance.

Advanced technology is demonstrated throughout the home. Exciting examples are the specially designed lift-and-slide exterior glass doors that actually lock in place. These doors help maintain the air quality because they stop air penetration. Another feature is an integrated home automation system that enables homeowners via an app to control lighting, climate, shades, entertainment and security from a single interface. The home achieves a very high level of energy efficiency, most noteworthy features being the air tightness of its thermal shell and the use of solar energy. It is designed to exceed the requirements for certification to the Emerald level of the National Green Building Standard.



## New Product Introductions

Each year the Kitchen and Bath Industry Show (KBIS) encourages their exhibiting manufacturers to enter new products into the Best of KBIS contest. A group of design professionals walked the show floor to review each of the more than 150 entries in order to select 2016's most innovative and trend-forward products for the kitchen and bath.



Photo: Courtesy of Walker Zanger (www.walkerzanger.com)

### Best of Kitchen: Gold – Kaza Concrete by Walker Zanger

The Kaza collection incorporates tactile 3-D elements for bold accent walls. The interchangeable textures, patterns and colors in the collection permit a variety of looks.

### Best of Show – Perfect Steam Washer with SmartBoost Technology and LuxCare Wash by Electrolux

A first-of-its-kind technology called SmartBoost delivers a deep clean by premixing water and detergent in a special chamber before the wash cycle begins.



Photo: Courtesy of Electrolux (www.electroluxappliances.com)

### Best of Bath: Gold – Vibrato Faucet, DXV by American Standard

The Vibrato is one of the first ready-for-market working residential faucets to be 3D printed in metal. Designed with a concealed waterway, it allows water to flow from what appears to be a hollow spout.

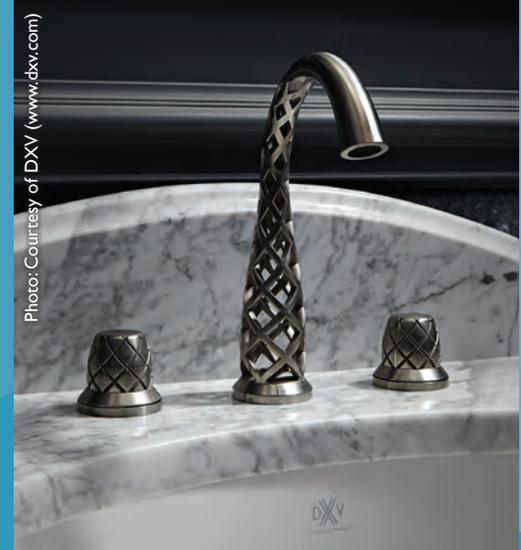


Photo: Courtesy of DXV (www.d xv.com)

## Smooth Transition



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All it takes are sunny skies and warmer weather to shift people outside to eat, play, watch tv and relax. Fresh air, sunshine and the sounds and sights of the natural environment are invigorating, especially after being confined to the office all day. With this in mind when they remodel, homeowners are choosing to open their homes' interior spaces to the outdoors

for a truly seamless integration of the two. As the floor-to-ceiling glass walls glide open, friends and family may transition from the kitchen to the outside deck in a smooth, uninterrupted flow.

If you would like this kind of seamless transition for your home, one of the things to keep in mind when you remodel is the

flooring. The best way to create an uninterrupted flow underfoot is by choosing a material that may be used both indoors and outdoors. Porcelain tile is a perfect fit.

High quality porcelain tile that is designed for outdoor use is extremely dense, non-porous and load-bearing. Its advantages over natural stone or cement pavers is that it does not stain or absorb water and it has anti-slip properties as well. It is resistant to fire and fading, and does not rot, mold, scratch, warp or splinter. It is suitable for any climate—including those with freezing temperatures. No special treatments, like staining or sealing, are necessary to maintain the beauty of the tile. You simply use a leaf blower or a garden hose when you want to clean it.

Outdoor porcelain tile is suitable for balconies, roof decks, patios, and terraces. It may be installed in a variety of ways, including on a raised frame without grout or adhesives, over compacted sand or gravel, and using a traditional grout method. It is available in several sizes and a multitude of colors. ■



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# Seamless Transition

The Bittner's 1960's kitchen was small, outdated and isolated, lacking adequate storage and entertainment space. Our clients came to Atlanta Design & Build with the desire to open up the kitchen into the rest of their home, improve the traffic flow and functionality of the existing space, and create a stylish updated look.

We removed the load bearing wall separating the kitchen and the keeping room by recessing a new steel beam, engineered to support the load, into the attic. This also maintained a flush ceiling in the keeping room. The result is a seamless transition between the two areas, and all the way to the front door adding to the open feel of the new floor plan.

The new kitchen layout includes a large central island with comfortable seating. The dark stained wood cabinetry designed in a furniture style provides continuity with the keeping room area. The island complements the soft white color of the custom Shiloh wall cabinetry, the Lace white granite countertops, and the pillowed white Carrera tile backsplash. The backsplash tile mimics the white brick in the existing sunroom and the fireplace in the keeping room, cohesively uniting the spaces.



After: 2015 NARI-Atlanta Contractor of the Year (CotY) award for the Residential Kitchen \$60,001 to \$100,000 category.

Innovative cabinetry solutions maximize the kitchen's storage capacity with cutlery, plate, pot and pan storage drawers, as well as pantry, food and trash pull outs. The cabinets are designed with soft-close on drawers and doors, and full extension slides on drawers. Pullout shelving provides full access storage, making it easy to reach all items and providing greater visibility so nothing is hidden in dark corners. Under-cabinet task lighting and the decorative pendants work together with the new picture window over the sink to bring ample lighting into the kitchen.

We succeeded in locating a peg oak flooring supplier in Ohio who assisted us in matching the kitchen floor to the existing keeping room floor. The beautiful peg oak floor, now skillfully installed in the kitchen and tied into the existing keeping room floor, serves to unify the open space.

*"We now have a wide open kitchen with so much storage space and room to host our friends and family. Our house feels so much larger. Our favorite aspect of the project is the overall open feel and look—it's like we have a brand new house. Atlanta Design & Build helped make our dream a reality and even better than we could have ever imagined! Dale, Jamie and Sydney did an outstanding job in every aspect of keeping us informed through the entire process and made sure everything was perfect. Atlanta Design & Build is an outstanding company that goes above and beyond to make sure dreams become reality!"*

—Nathan and Blaire Bittner

When you are ready for your kitchen transformation, please contact us at [atlantadesignbuild.com](http://atlantadesignbuild.com) or 770.565.8999. We would love to help you make it a seamless transition. ■



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